

#075

OZONE BABY'S PRESSURE

PART ③



THE 'PEARS' THAT THE BOY'S PARENTS GREW WERE JUDGED TO HAVE MAGNIFICENT SWEETNESS AND WON AWARDS AT COMPETITIONS FOR IT.



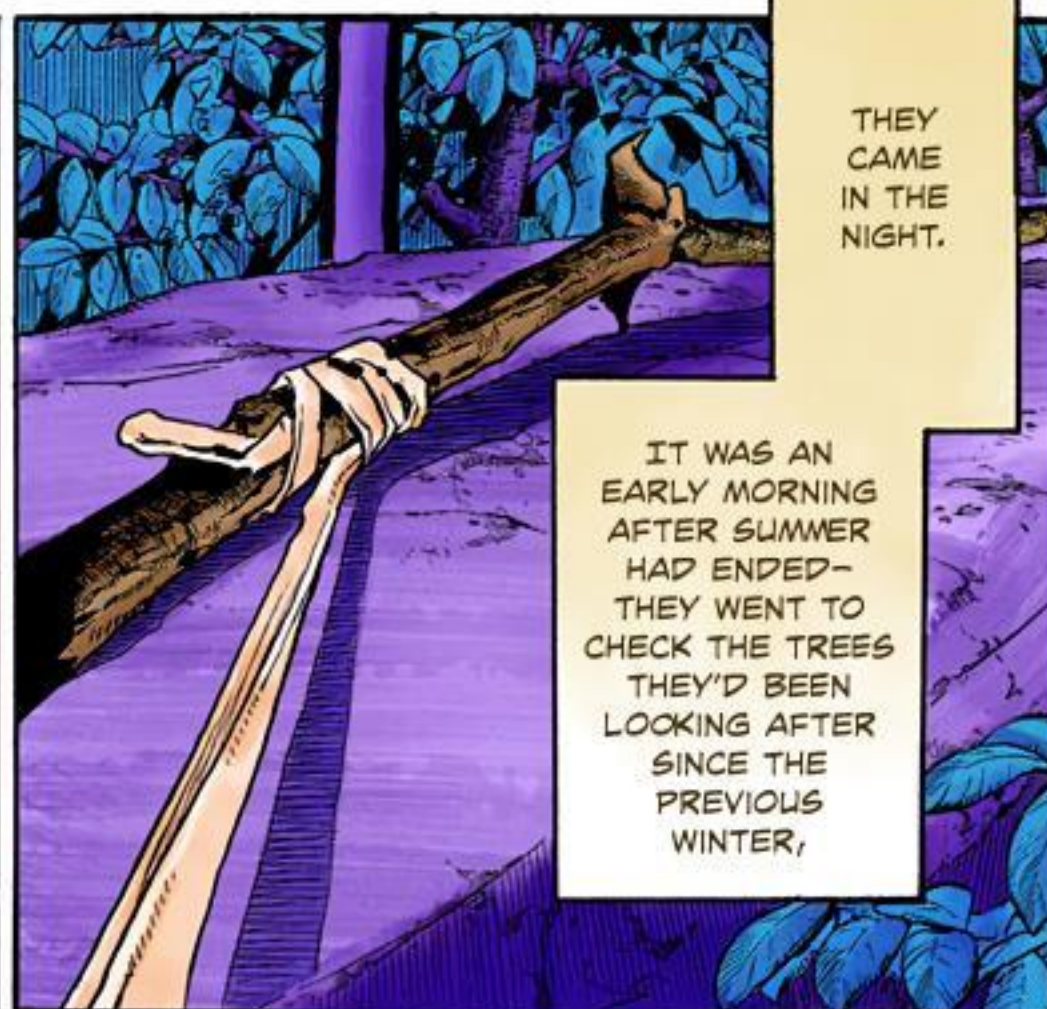
AT THE END OF FALL, THE MONEY THEY MADE FROM THEIR ORCHARD ROSE TO 80 MILLION YEN.



THE FATHER AND MOTHER WERE BACKED INTO A CORNER—AND FORCED TO PART WITH THE ORCHARD.

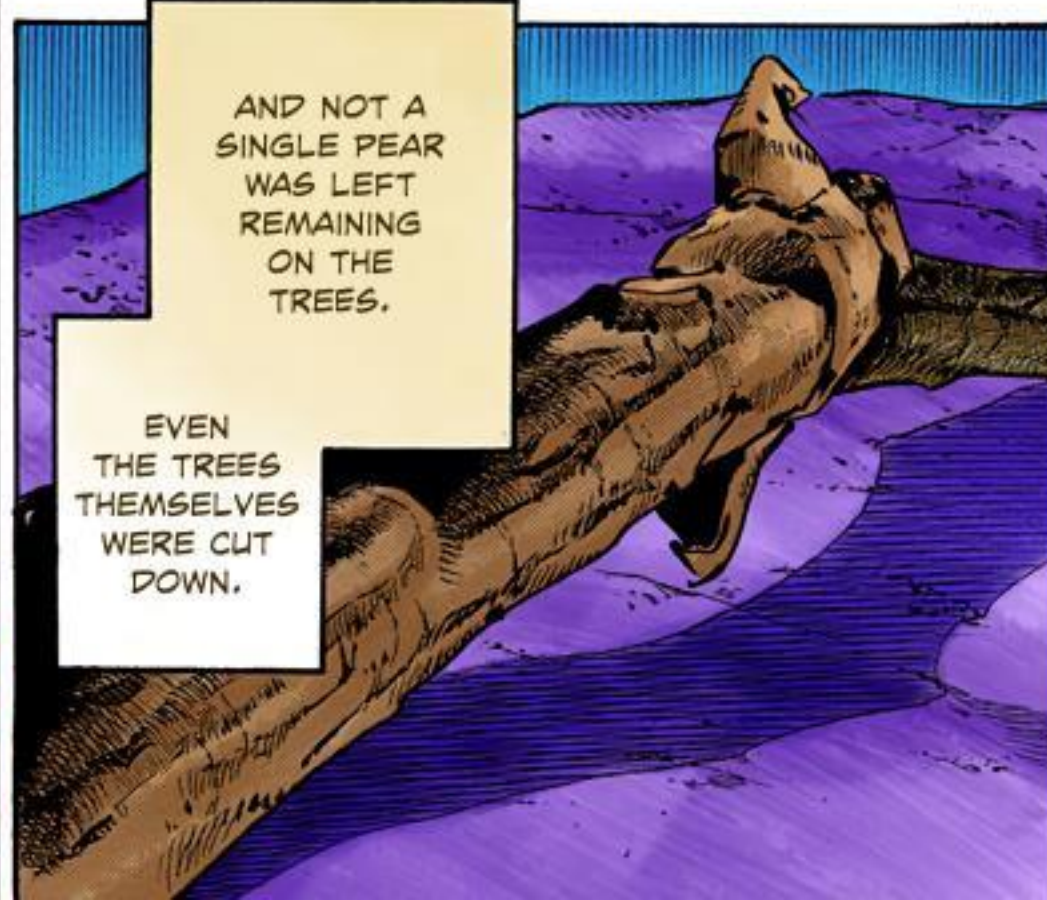


THE USURPERS WERE CONNECTED WITH SOME LOCAL MONEY-LENDERS.



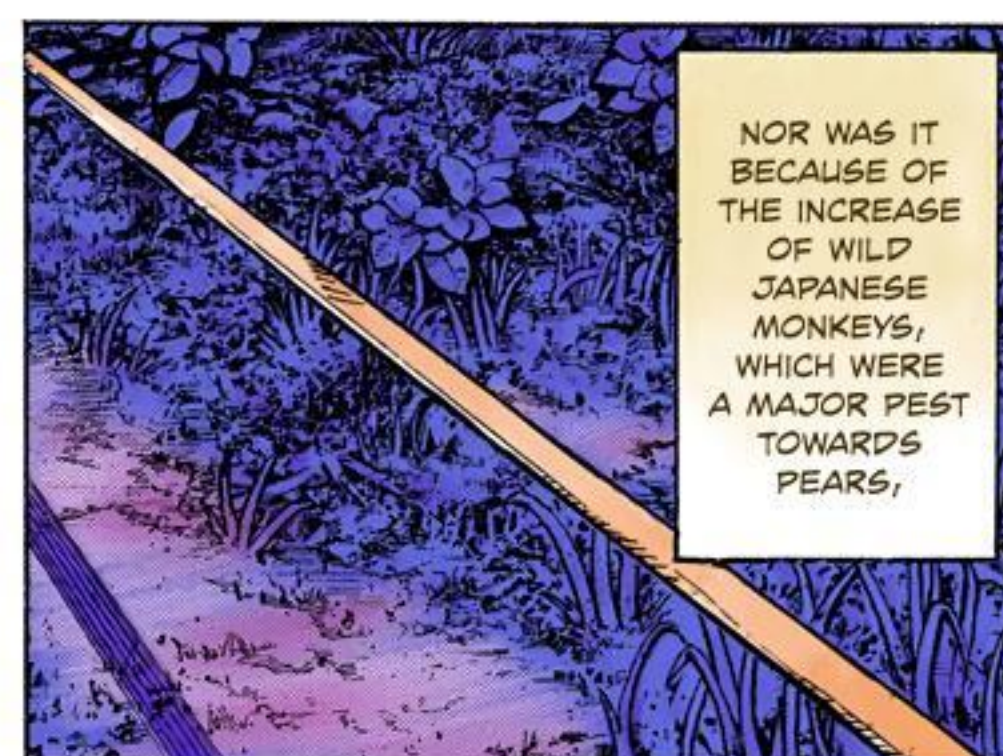
THEY CAME IN THE NIGHT.

IT WAS AN EARLY MORNING AFTER SUMMER HAD ENDED—THEY WENT TO CHECK THE TREES THEY'D BEEN LOOKING AFTER SINCE THE PREVIOUS WINTER,



AND NOT A SINGLE PEAR WAS LEFT REMAINING ON THE TREES.

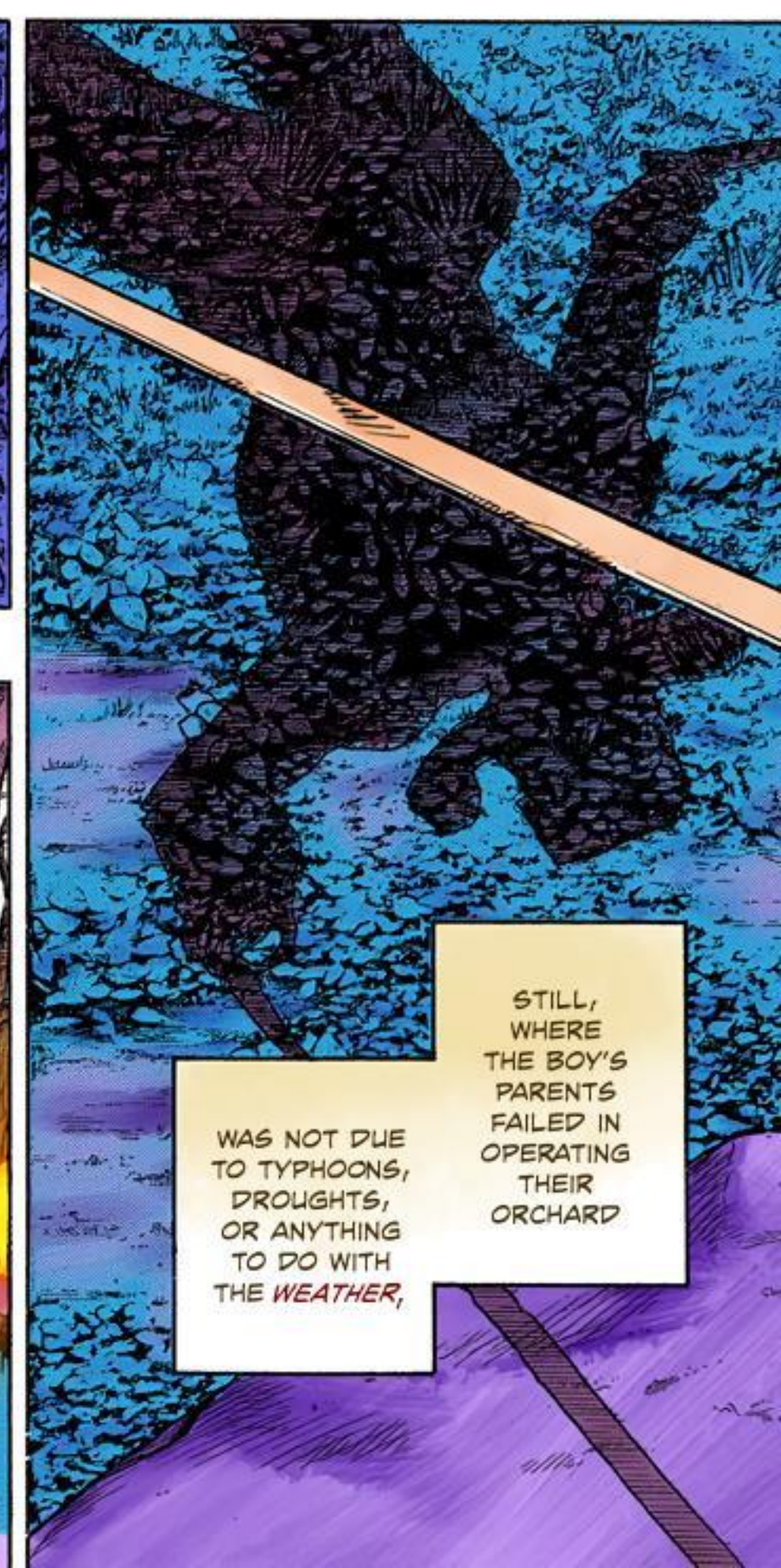
EVEN THE TREES THEMSELVES WERE CUT DOWN.



NOR WAS IT BECAUSE OF THE INCREASE OF WILD JAPANESE MONKEYS, WHICH WERE A MAJOR PEST TOWARDS PEARS,



IT WAS BECAUSE THEIR CULTIVATION TECHNIQUES LEAKED TO OTHER PEOPLE IN THE INDUSTRY.



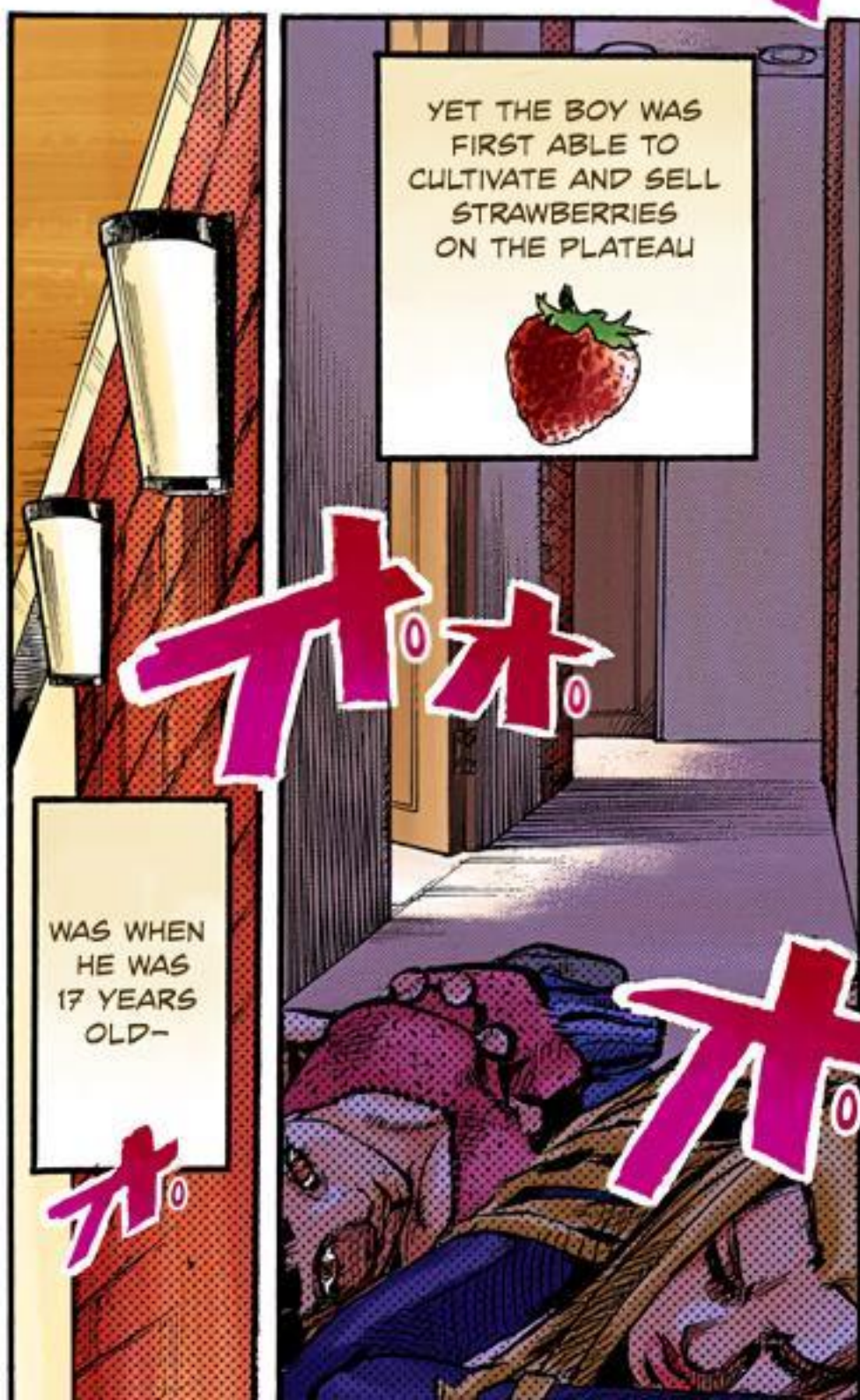
WAS NOT DUE TO TYPHOONS, DROUGHTS, OR ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE WEATHER,

STILL, WHERE THE BOY'S PARENTS FAILED IN OPERATING THEIR ORCHARD



THE BOY, WHO
WAS MOODY
AND DISLIKED
PEOPLE SINCE
HE WAS A
CHILD,

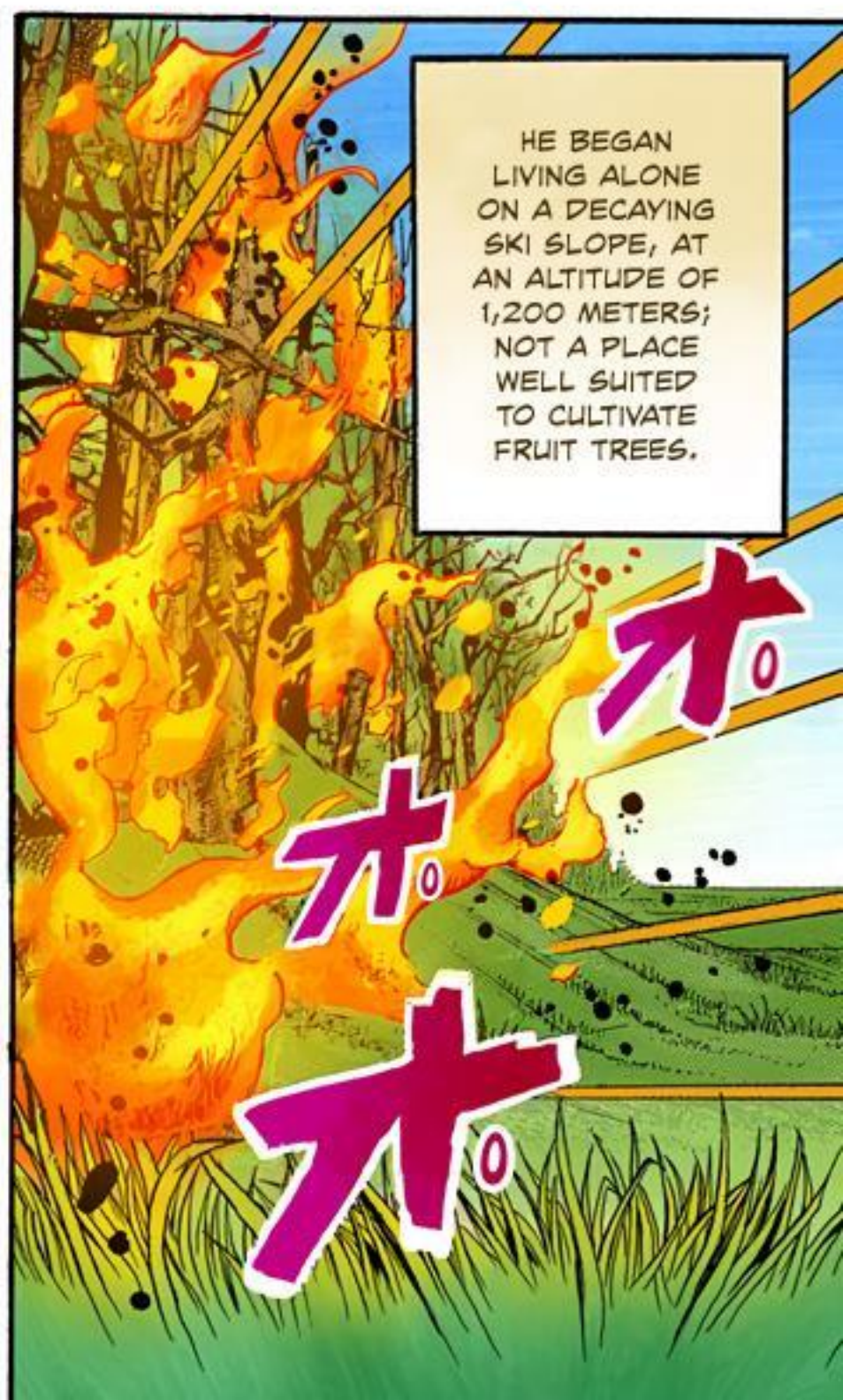
COULD NEVER
FORGIVE HIS
PARENTS'
ERROR- AND
CURSED HIS
FATE.



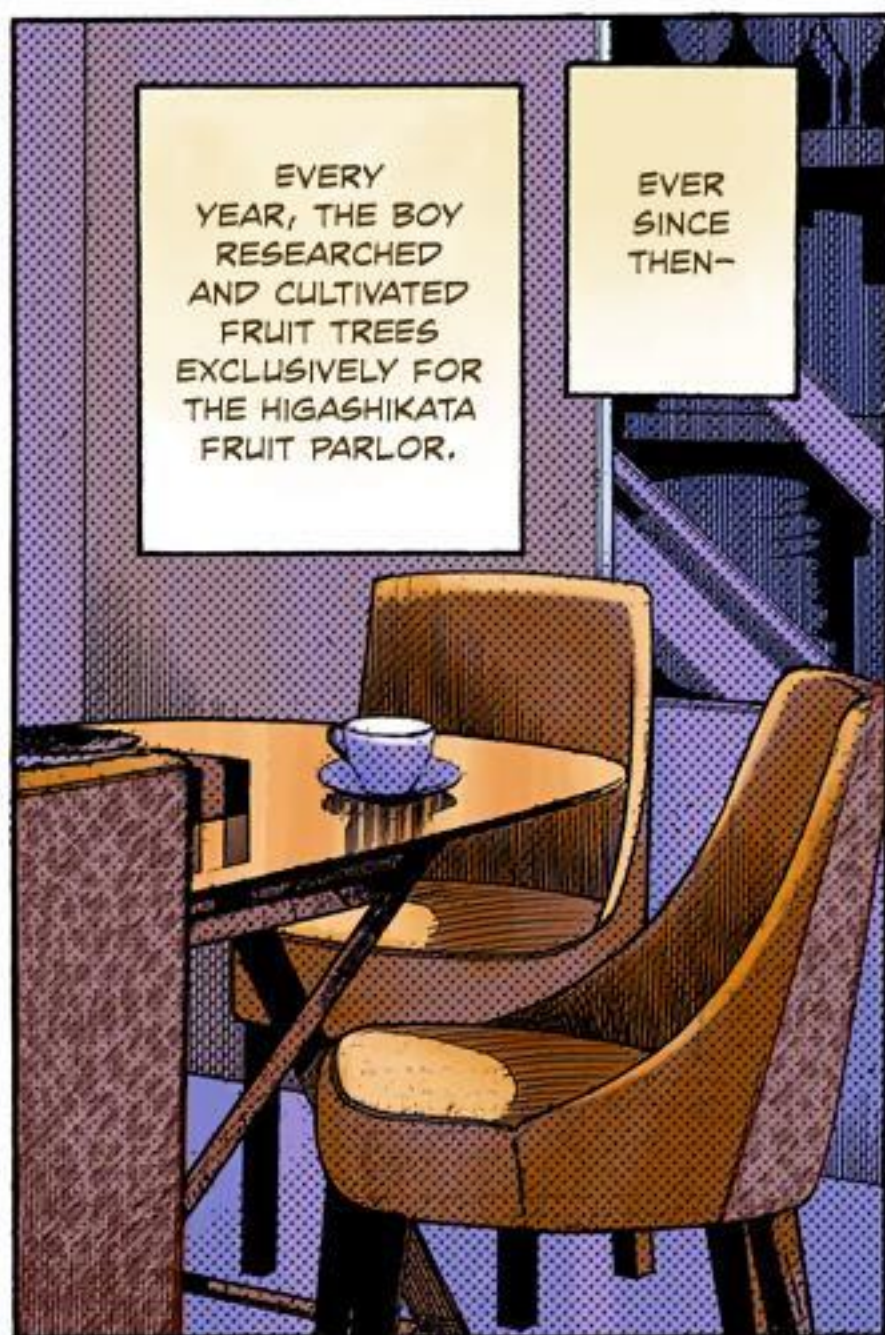
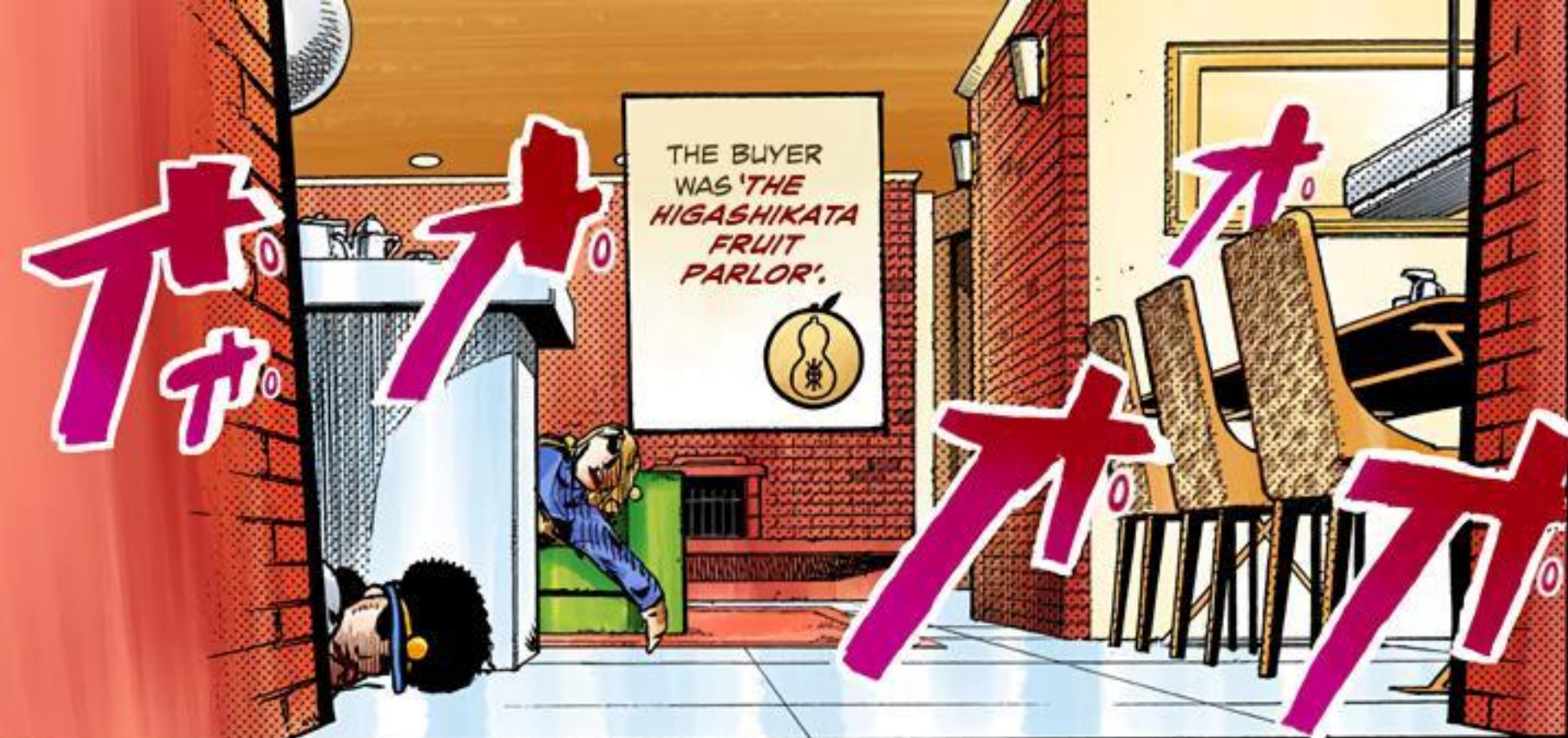
YET THE BOY WAS
FIRST ABLE TO
CULTIVATE AND SELL
STRAWBERRIES
ON THE PLATEAU

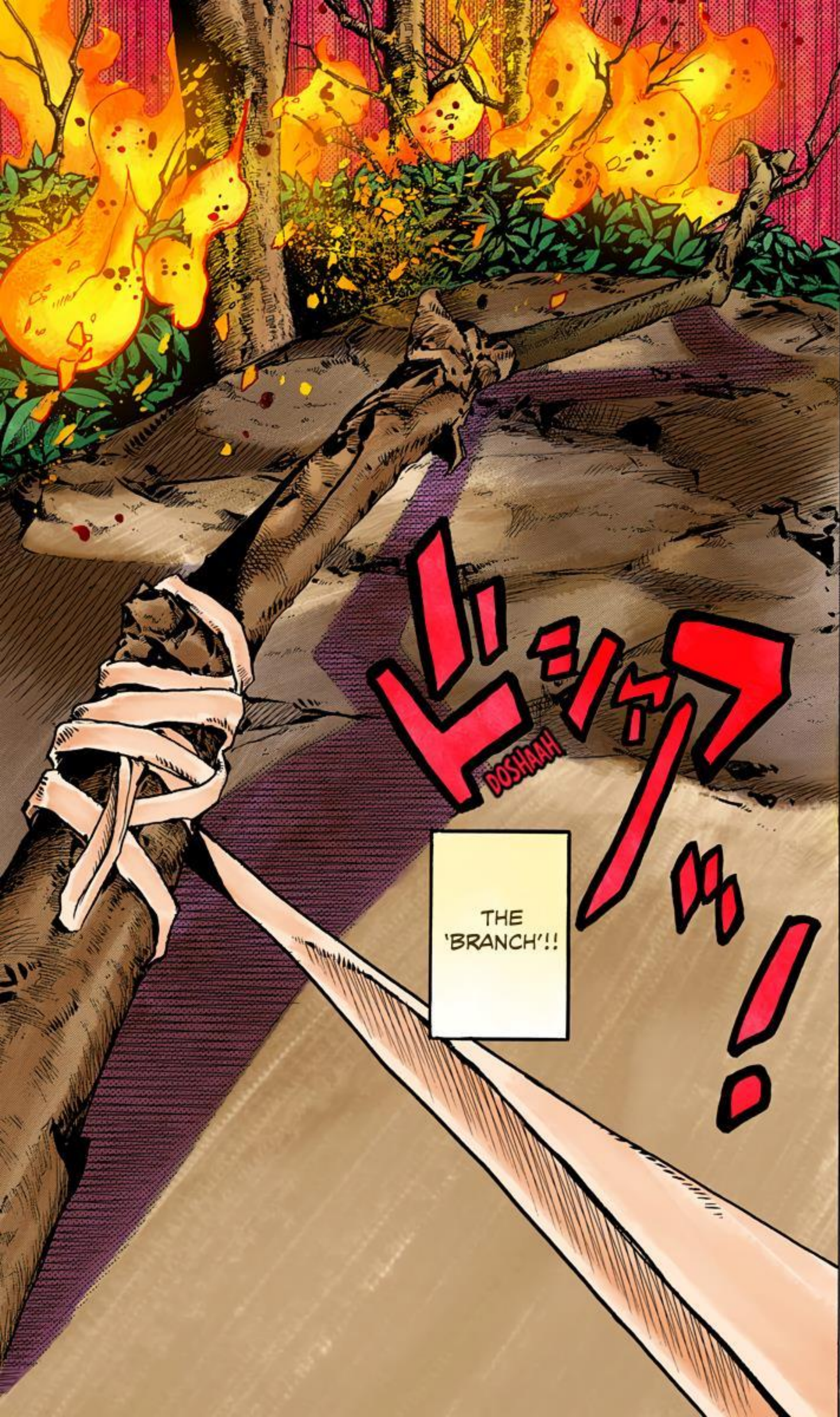


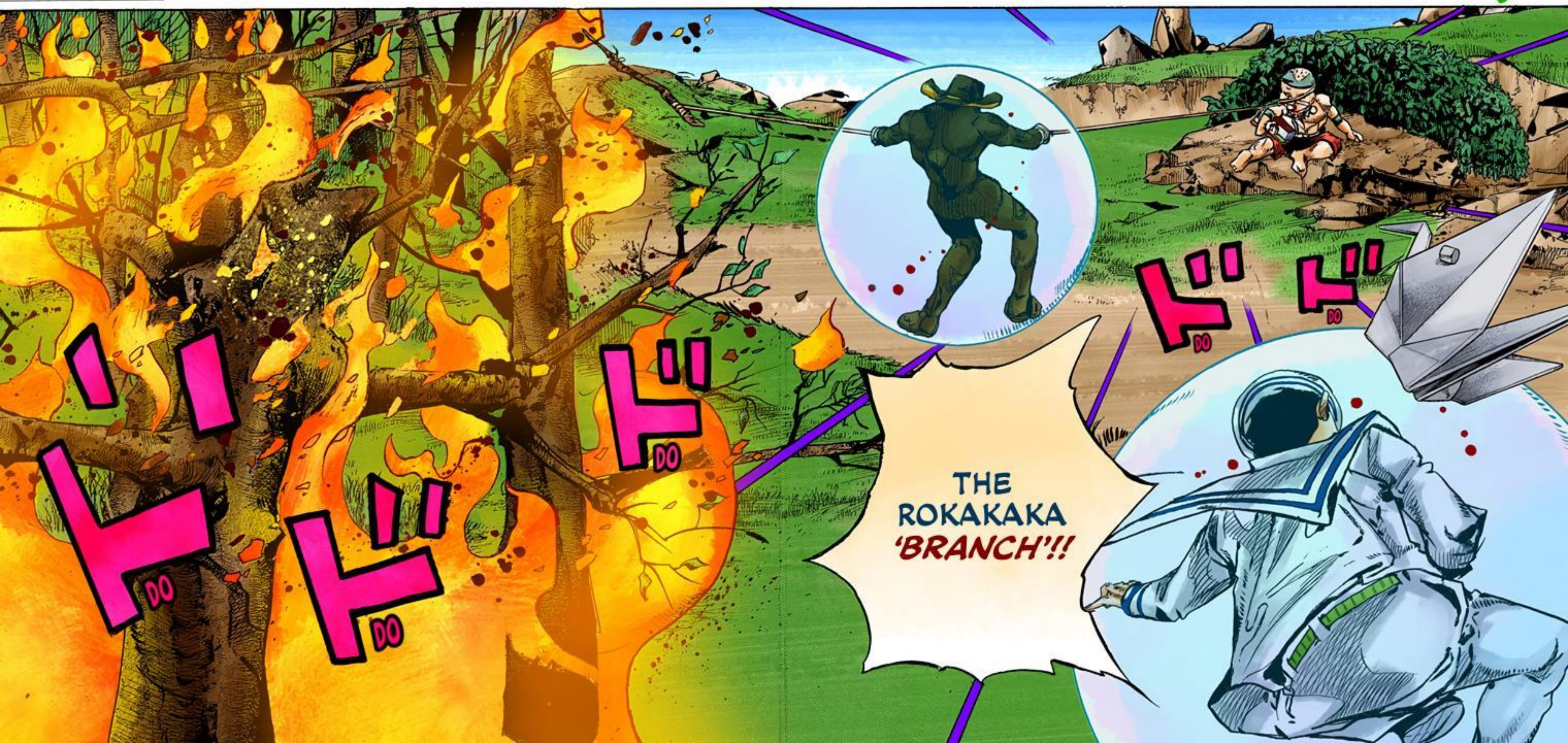
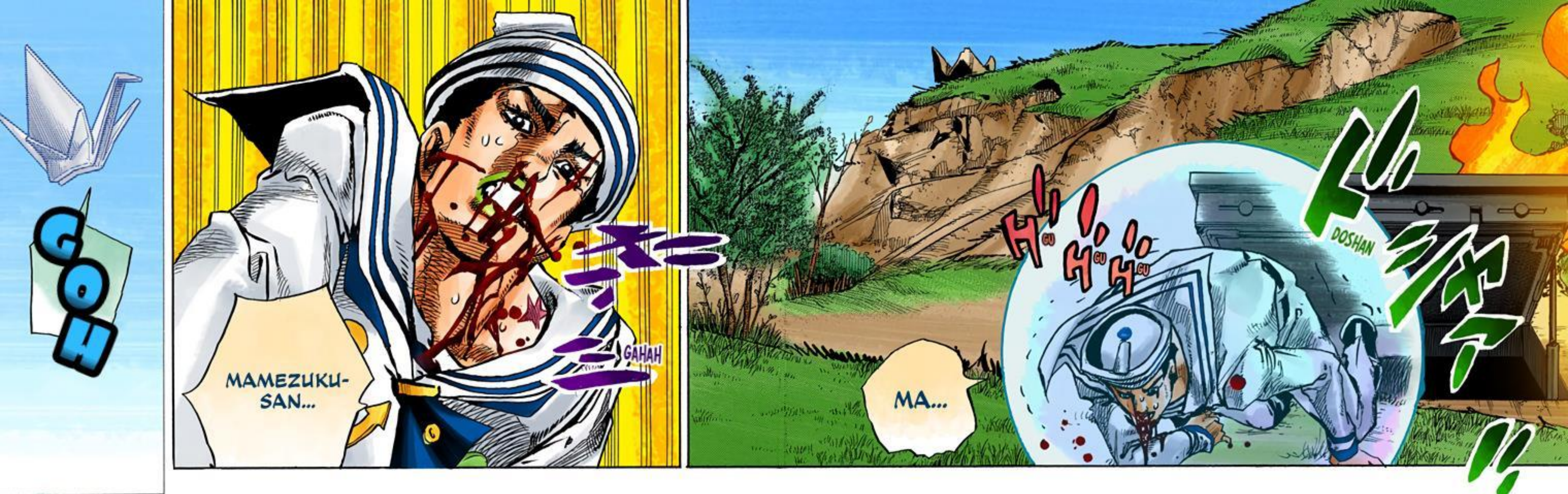
WAS WHEN
HE WAS
17 YEARS
OLD-

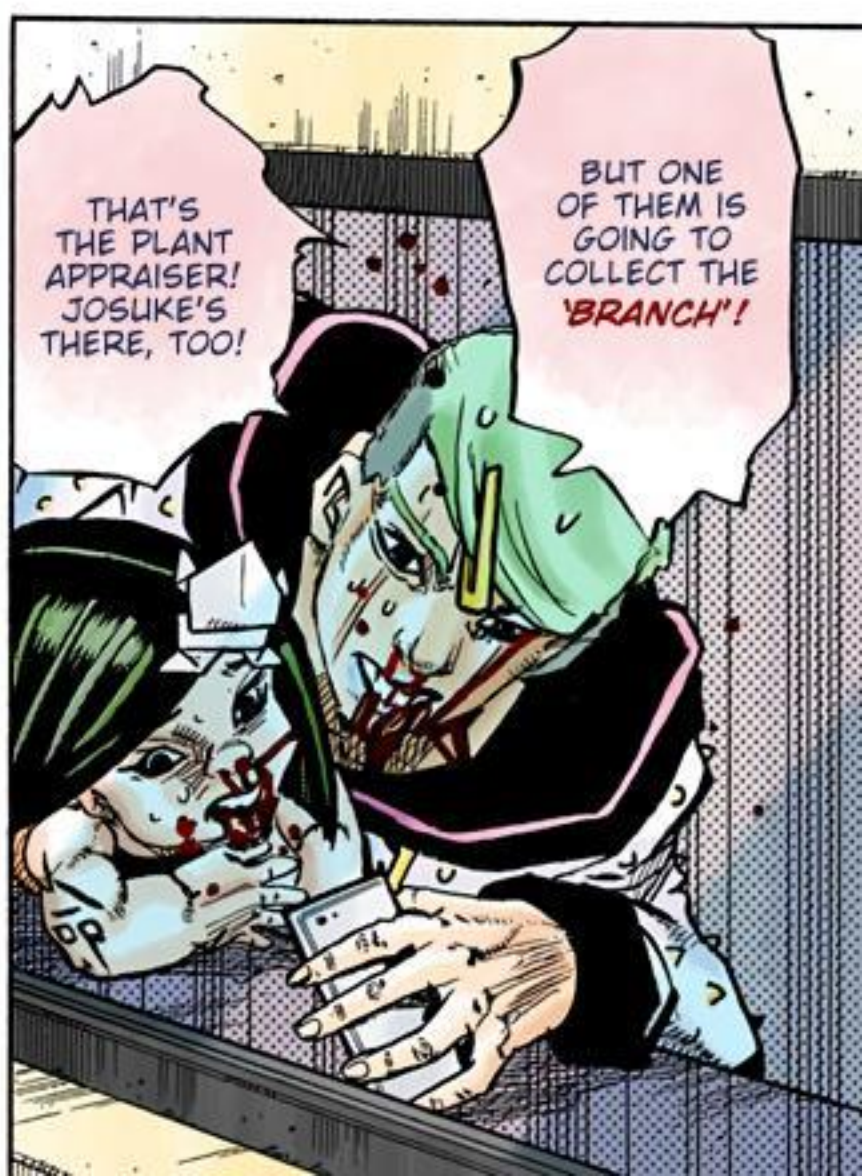
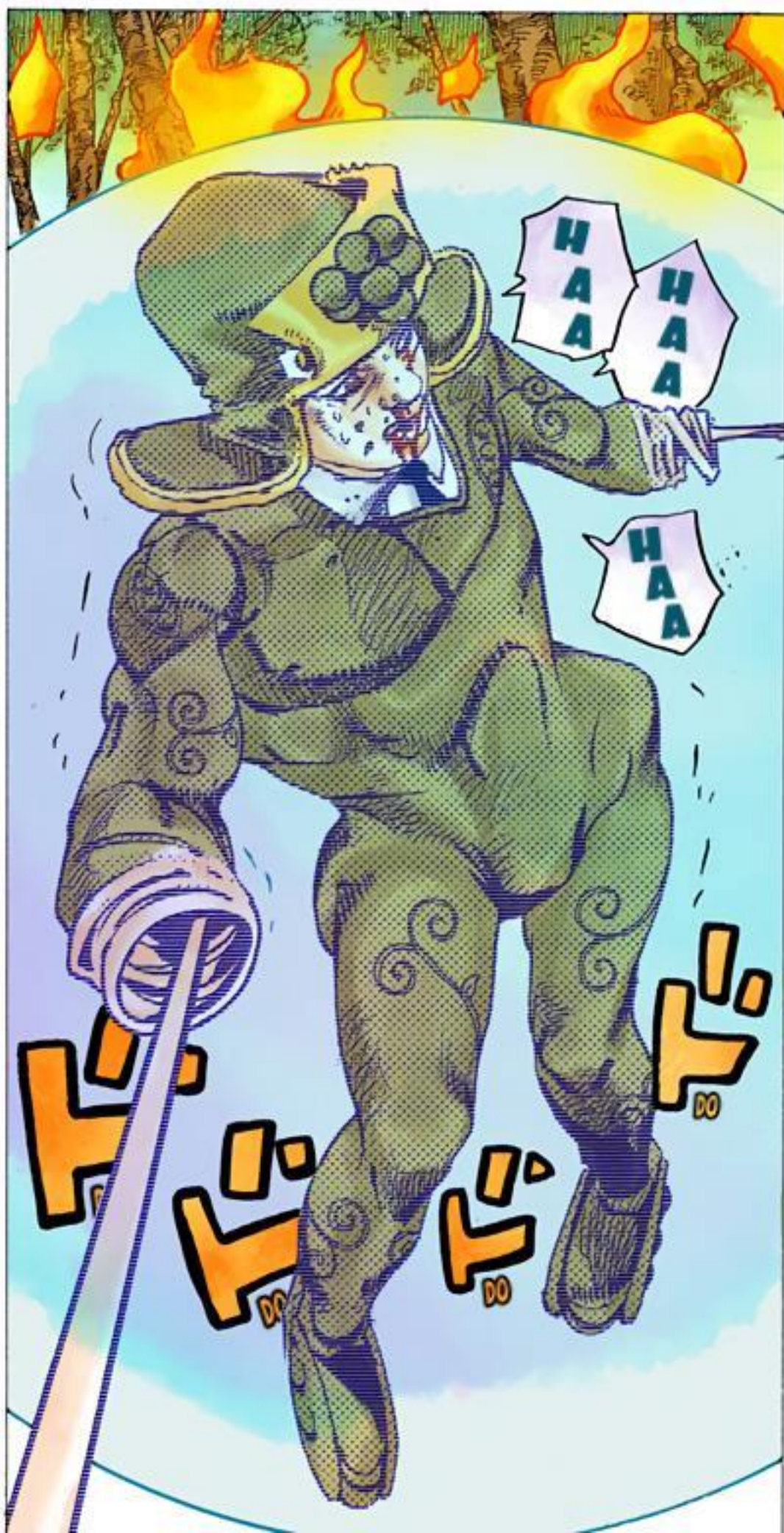
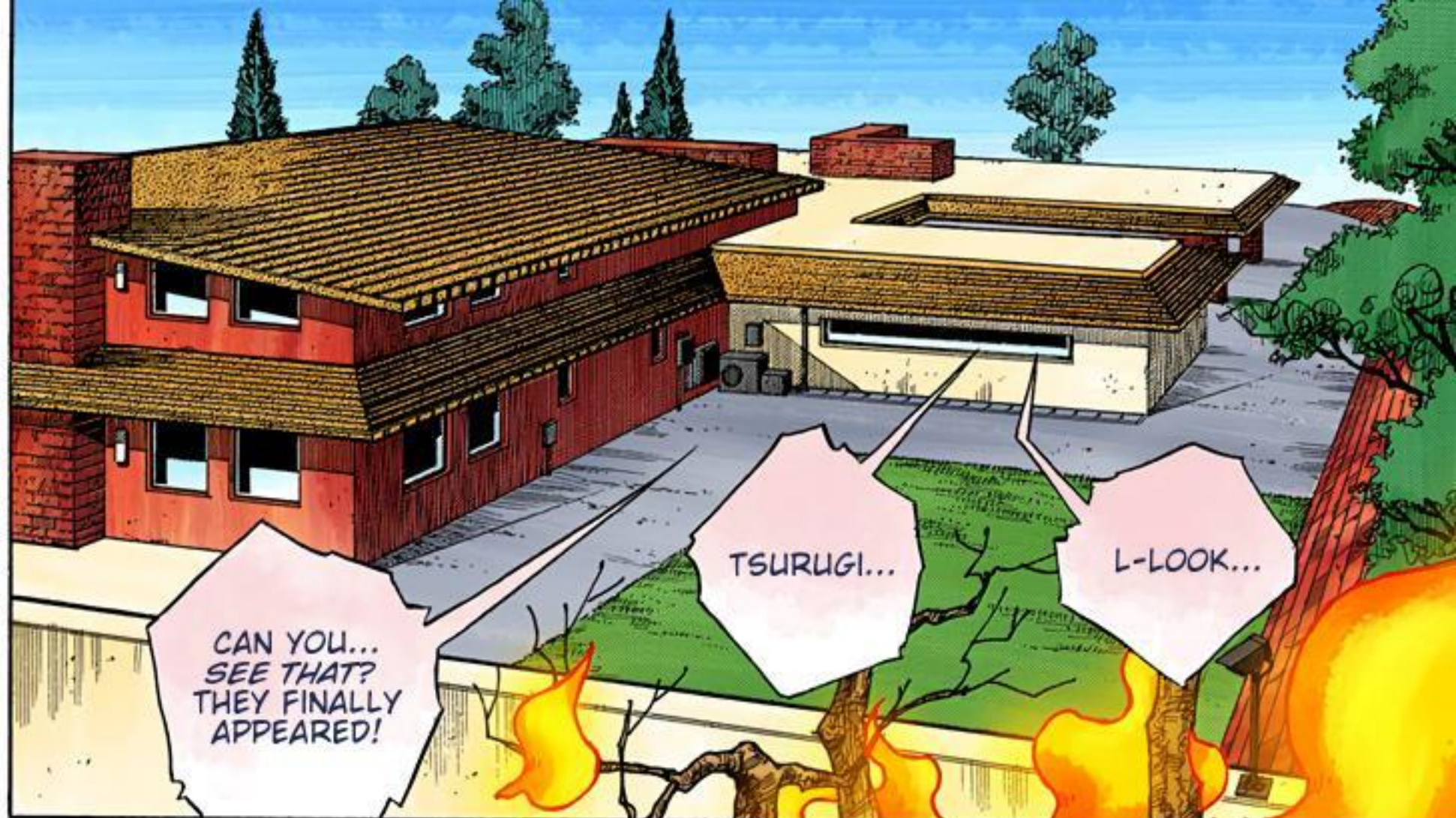


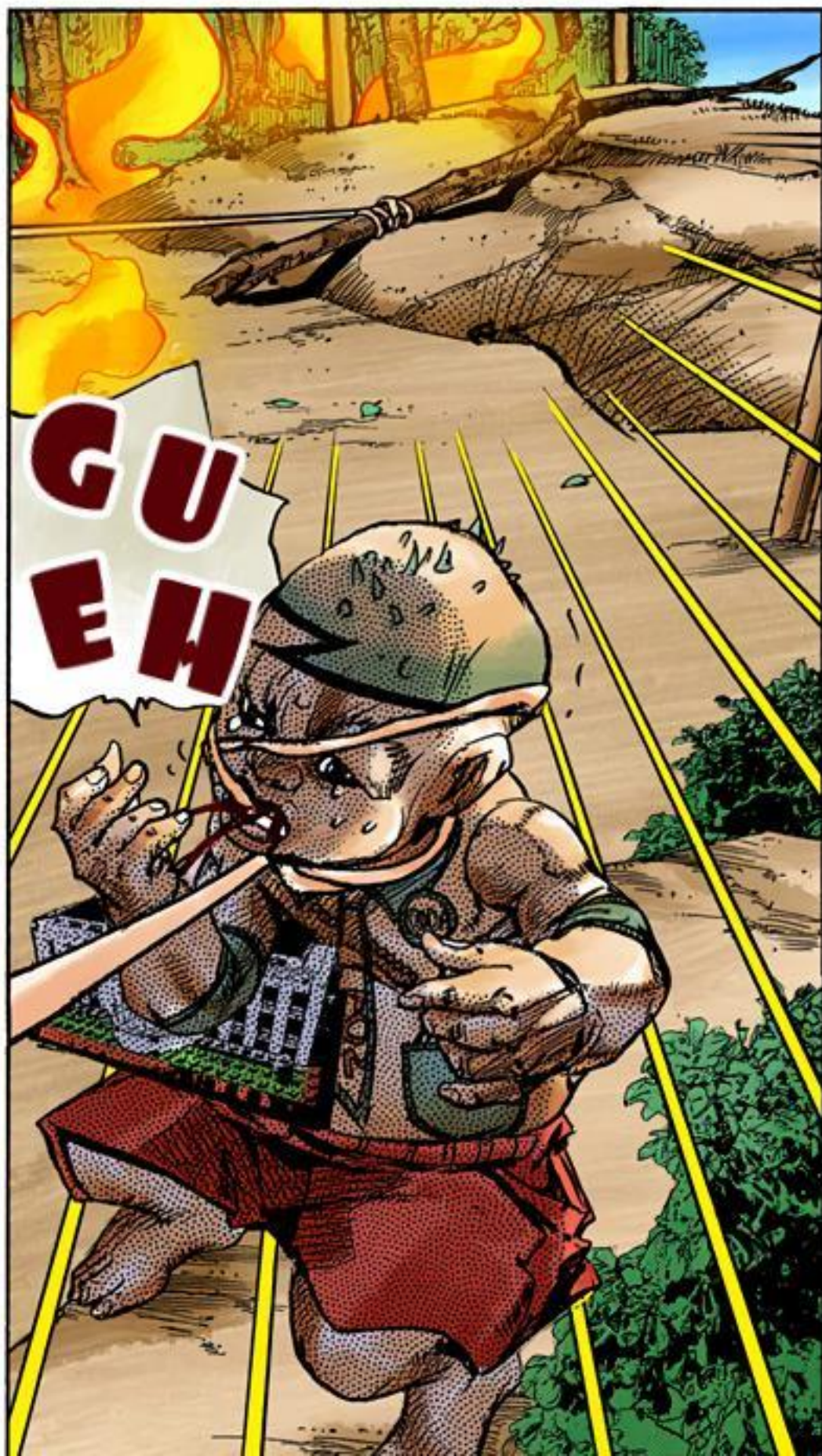
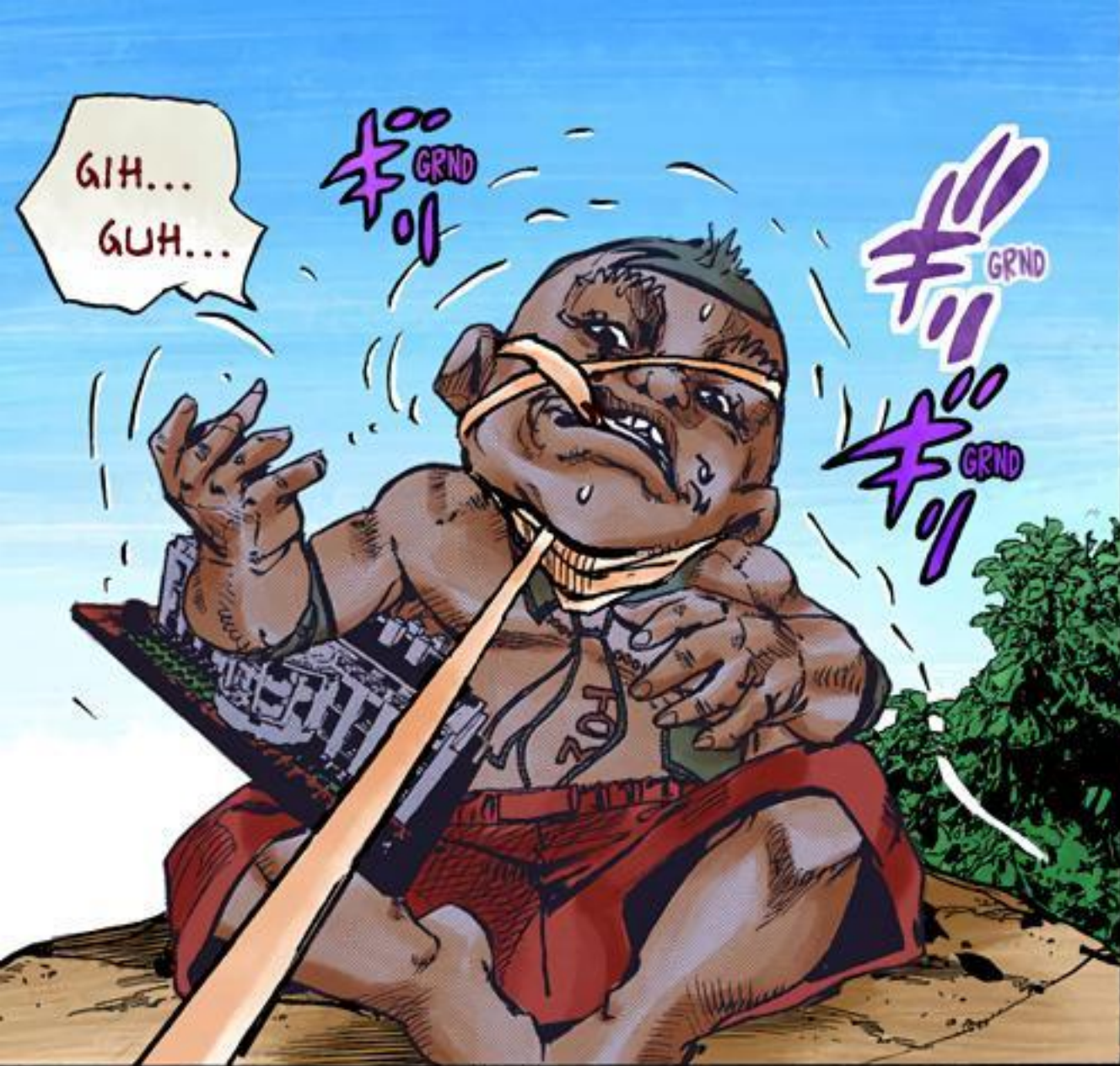
HE BEGAN
LIVING ALONE
ON A DECAYING
SKI SLOPE, AT
AN ALTITUDE OF
1,200 METERS;
NOT A PLACE
WELL SUITED
TO CULTIVATE
FRUIT TREES.

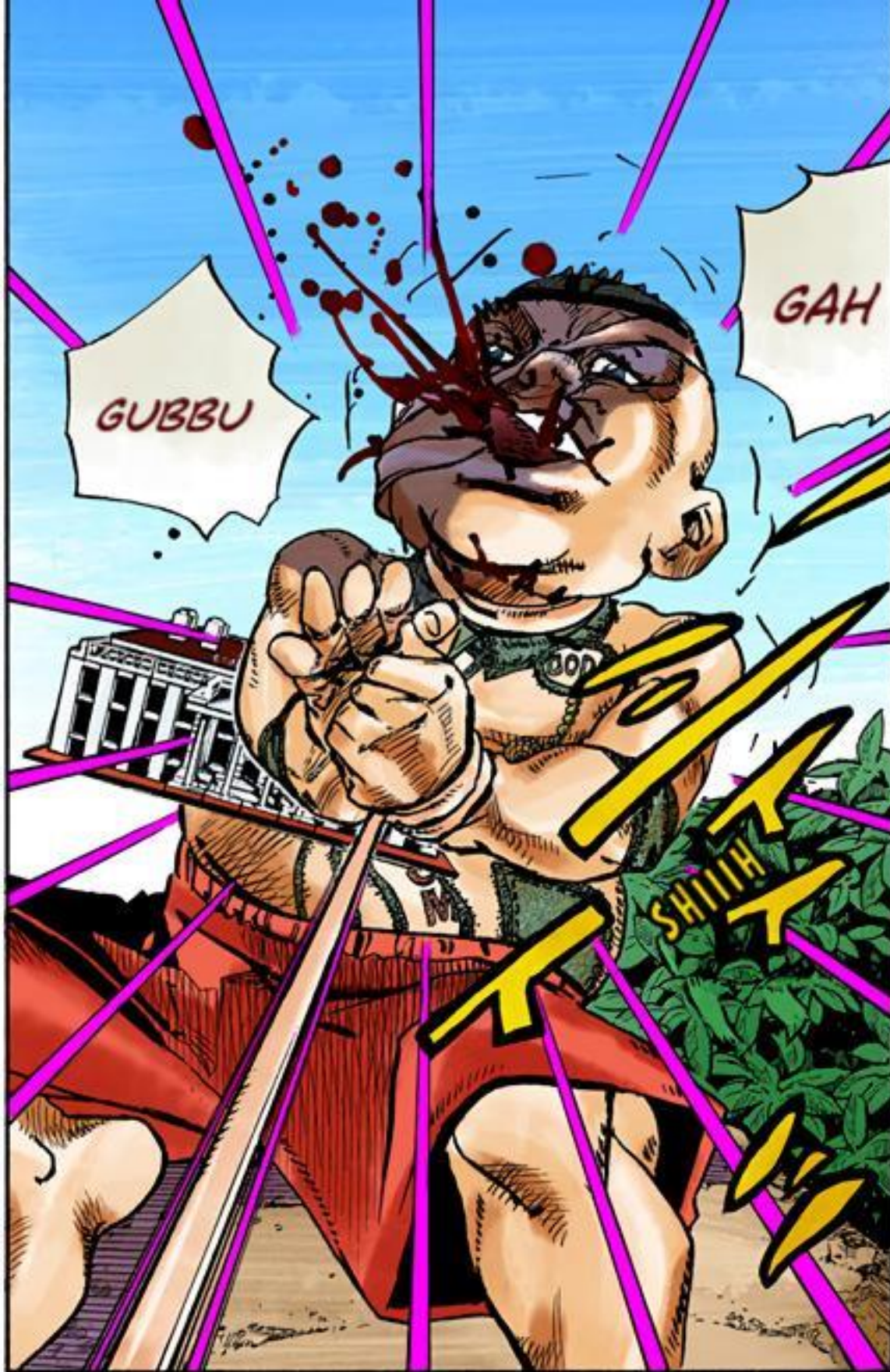


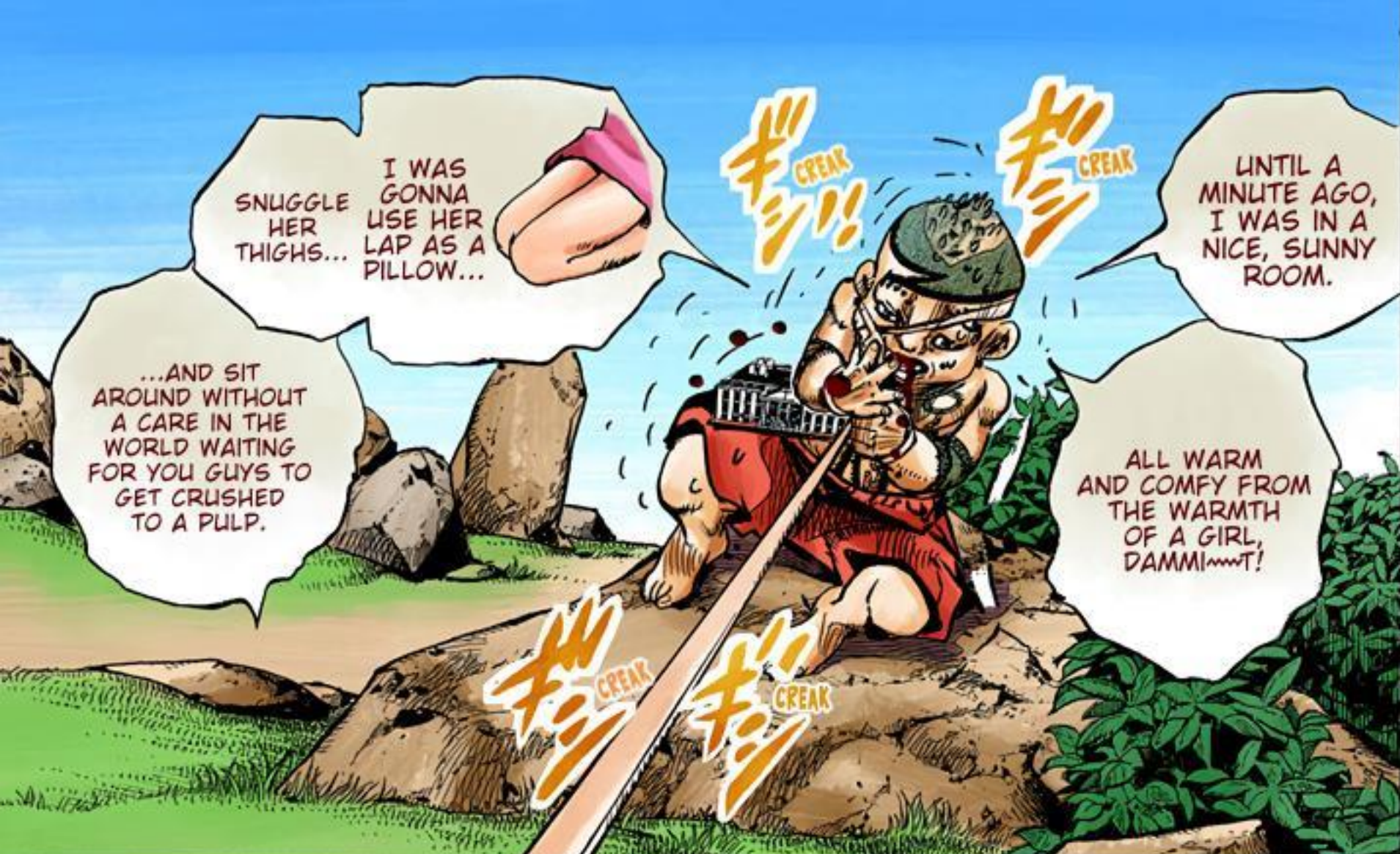












SNUGGLE
HER
THIGHS...

I WAS
GONNA
USE HER
LAP AS A
PILLOW...

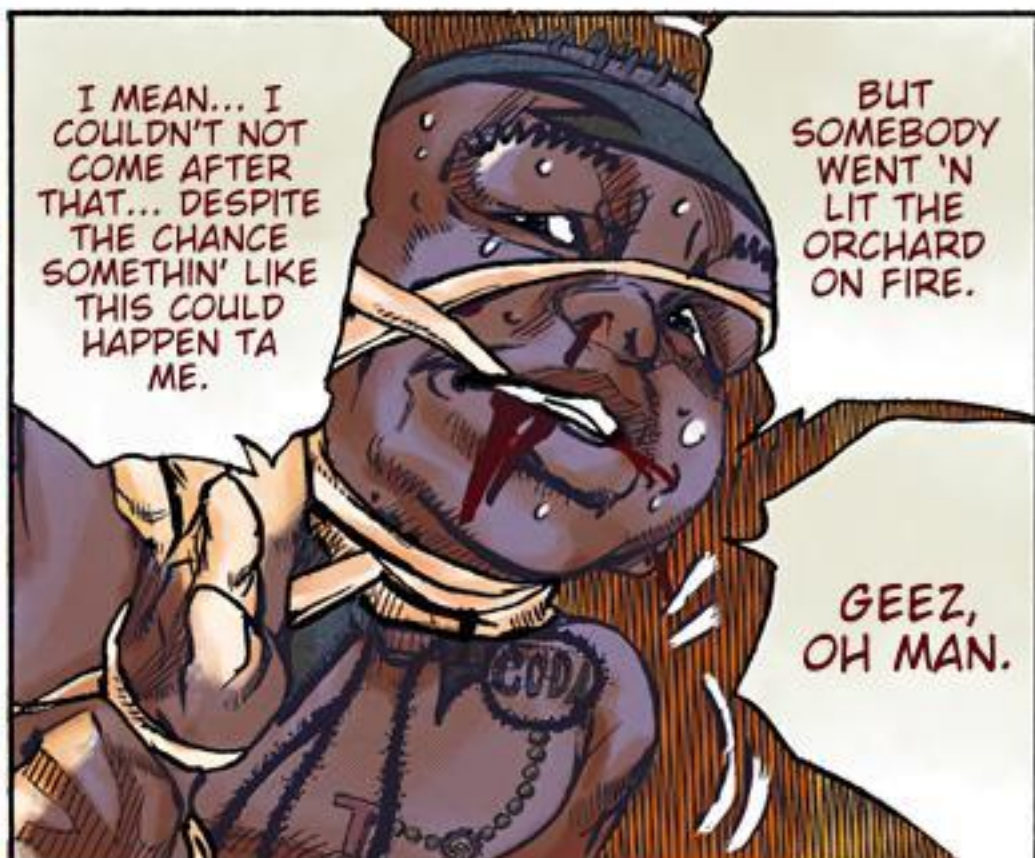
...AND SIT
AROUND WITHOUT
A CARE IN THE
WORLD WAITING
FOR YOU GUYS TO
GET CRUSHED
TO A PULP.

UNTIL A
MINUTE AGO,
I WAS IN A
NICE, SUNNY
ROOM.

ALL WARM
AND COMFY FROM
THE WARMTH
OF A GIRL,
DAMMI~WT!



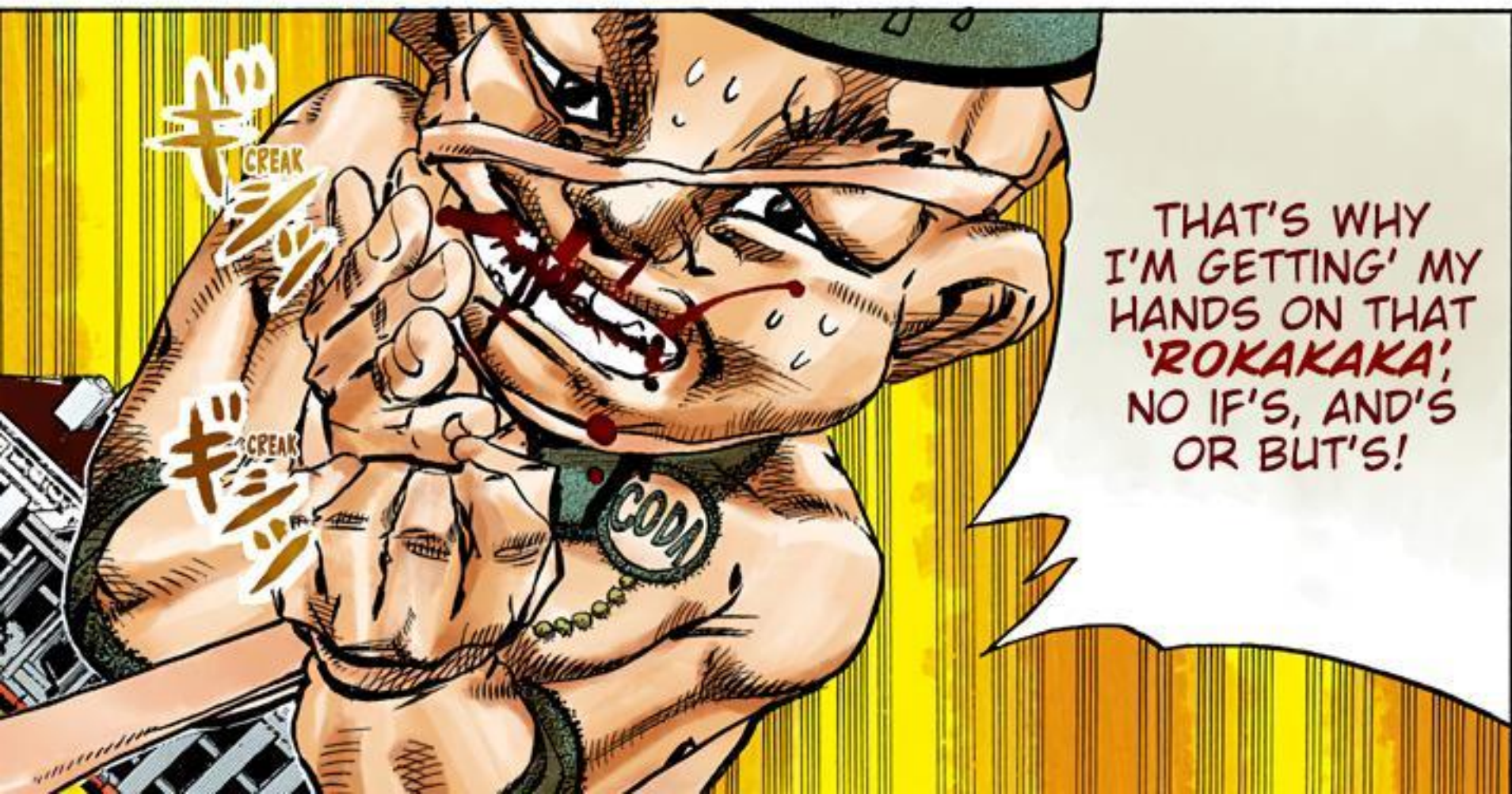
GLANCE



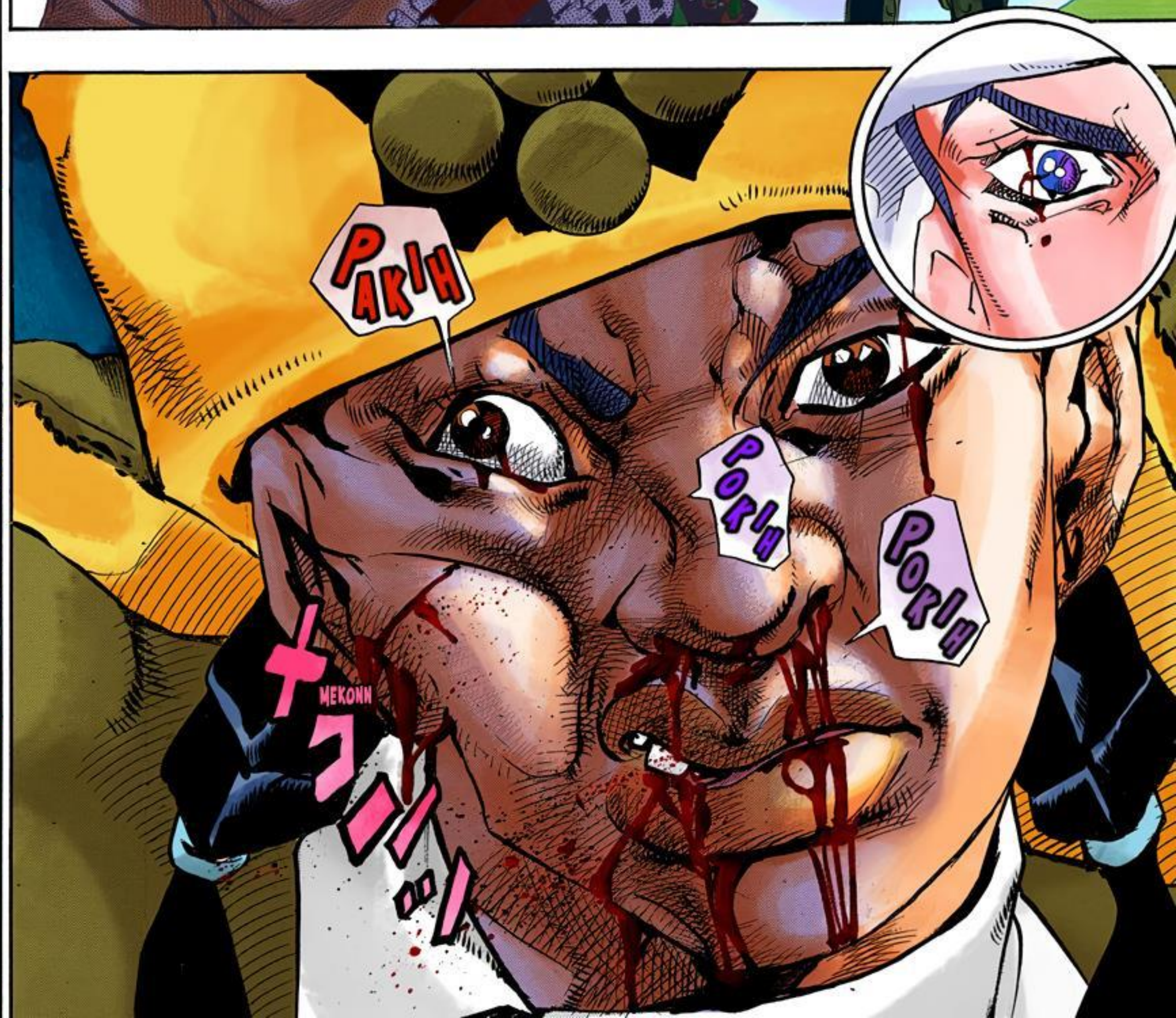
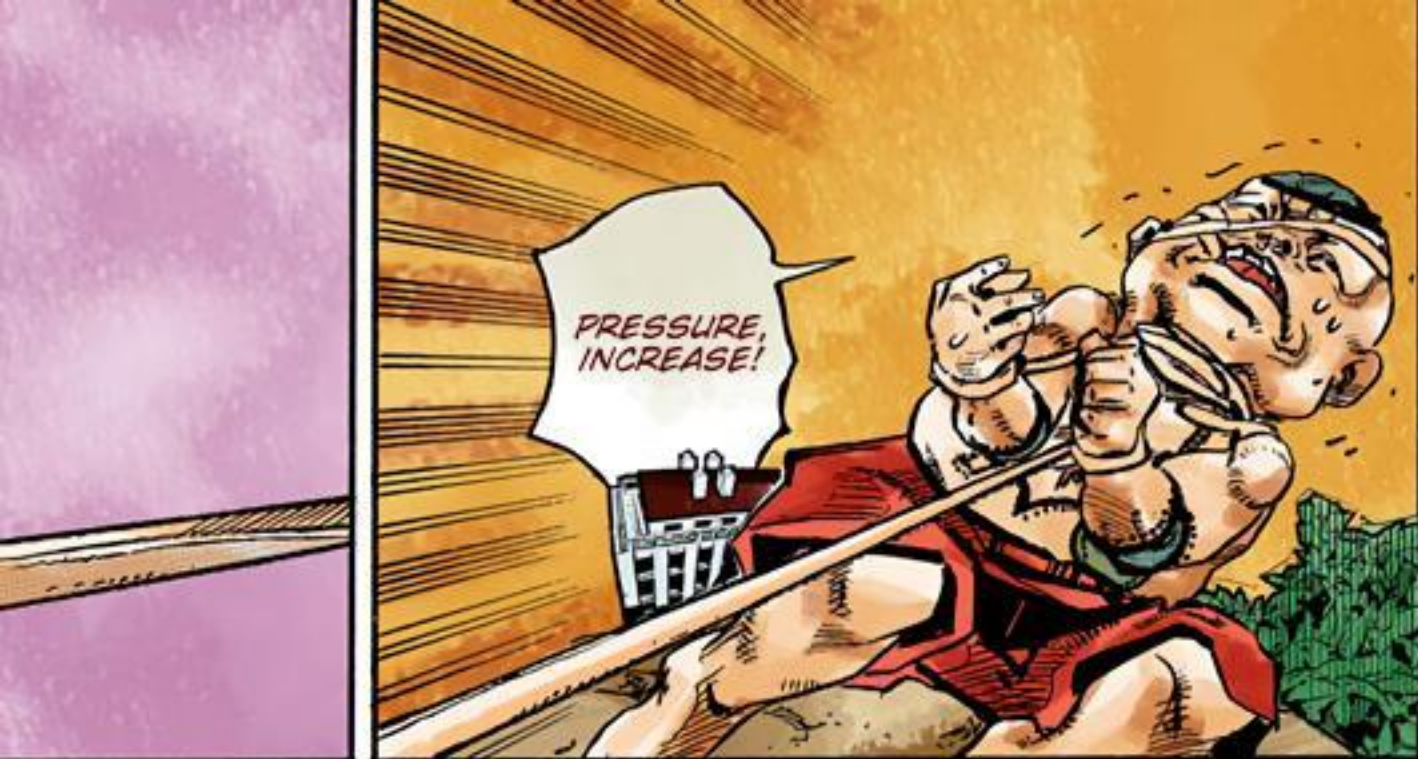
I MEAN... I
COULDN'T NOT
COME AFTER
THAT... DESPITE
THE CHANCE
SOMETHIN' LIKE
THIS COULD
HAPPEN TA
ME.

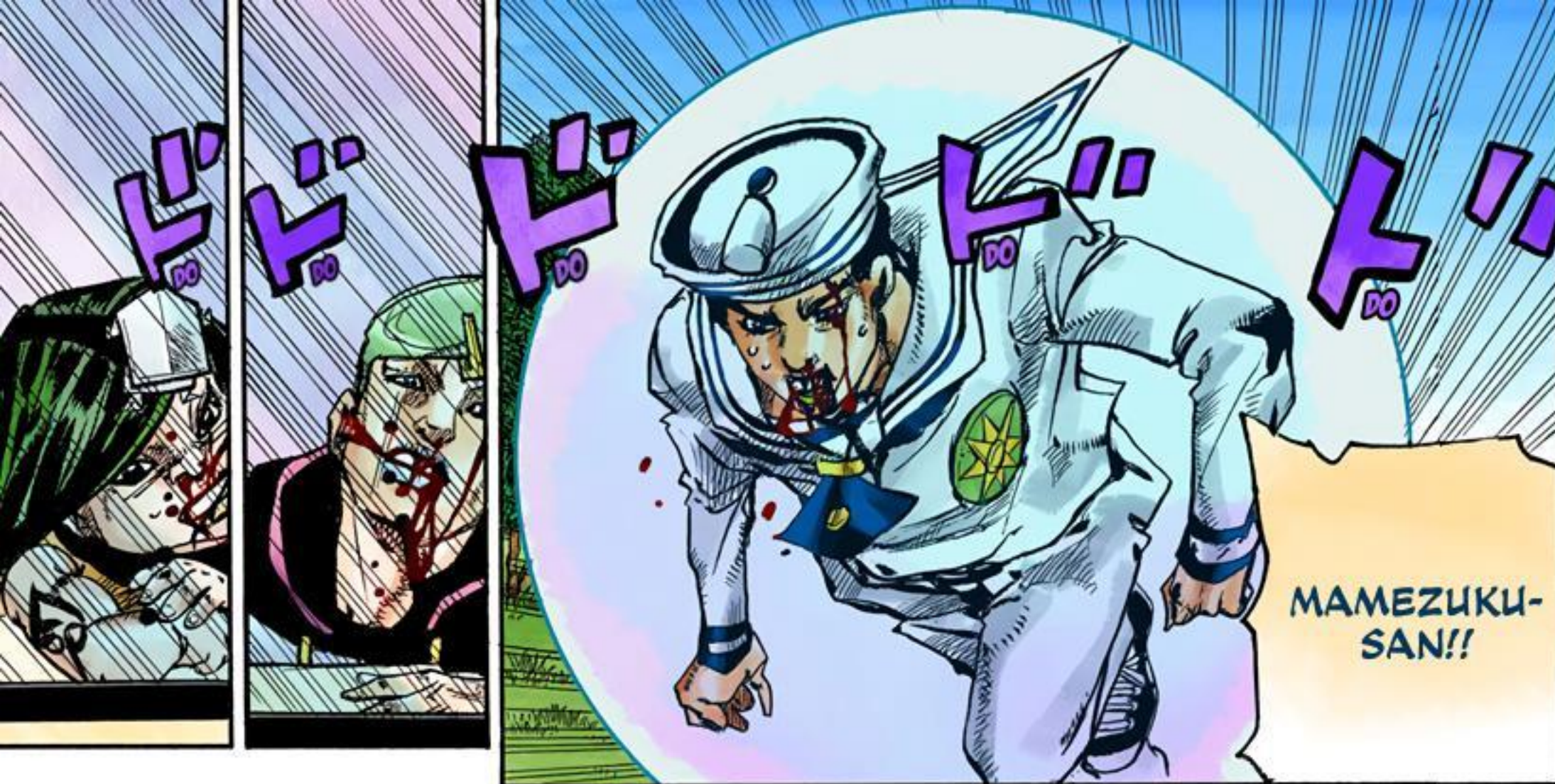
BUT
SOMEBODY
WENT 'N
LIT THE
ORCHARD
ON FIRE.

GEEZ,
OH MAN.



THAT'S WHY
I'M GETTING' MY
HANDS ON THAT
'ROKAKAKA',
NO IF'S, AND'S
OR BUT'S!





MAMEZUKU-SAN!!

SUDDENLY
SHOOT
THROUGH
THE
ROOF!!



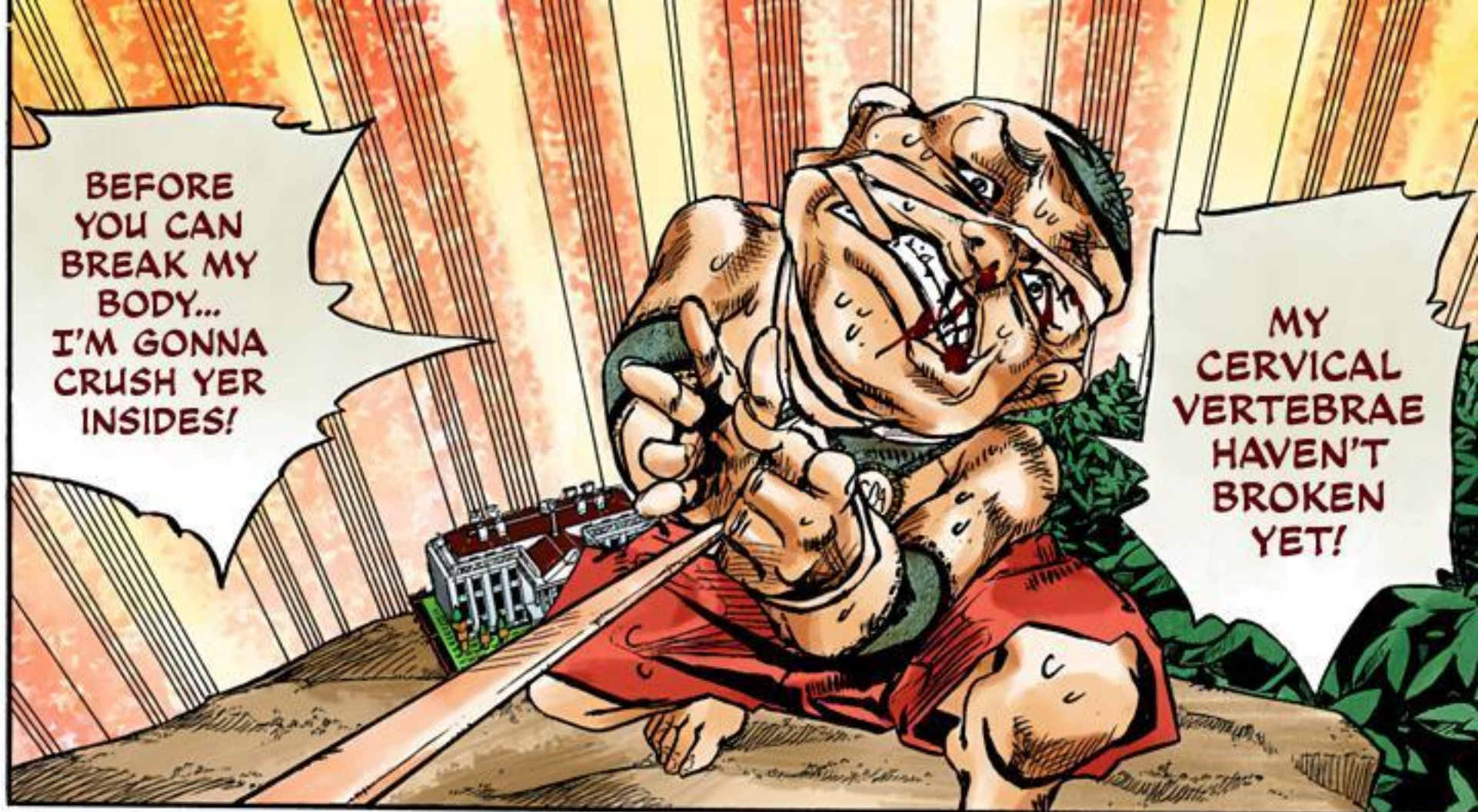
WHEN IT
WAS BURIED,
IT HAD A WARM
AND FUZZY ATTACK
WITH A 100
METER RADIUS
RANGE.

MY
STAND...
'OZONE
BABY'...

YOU
BETTER'VE
SAID YER
PRAYERS
BEFORE
TOUCHIN'
ME.

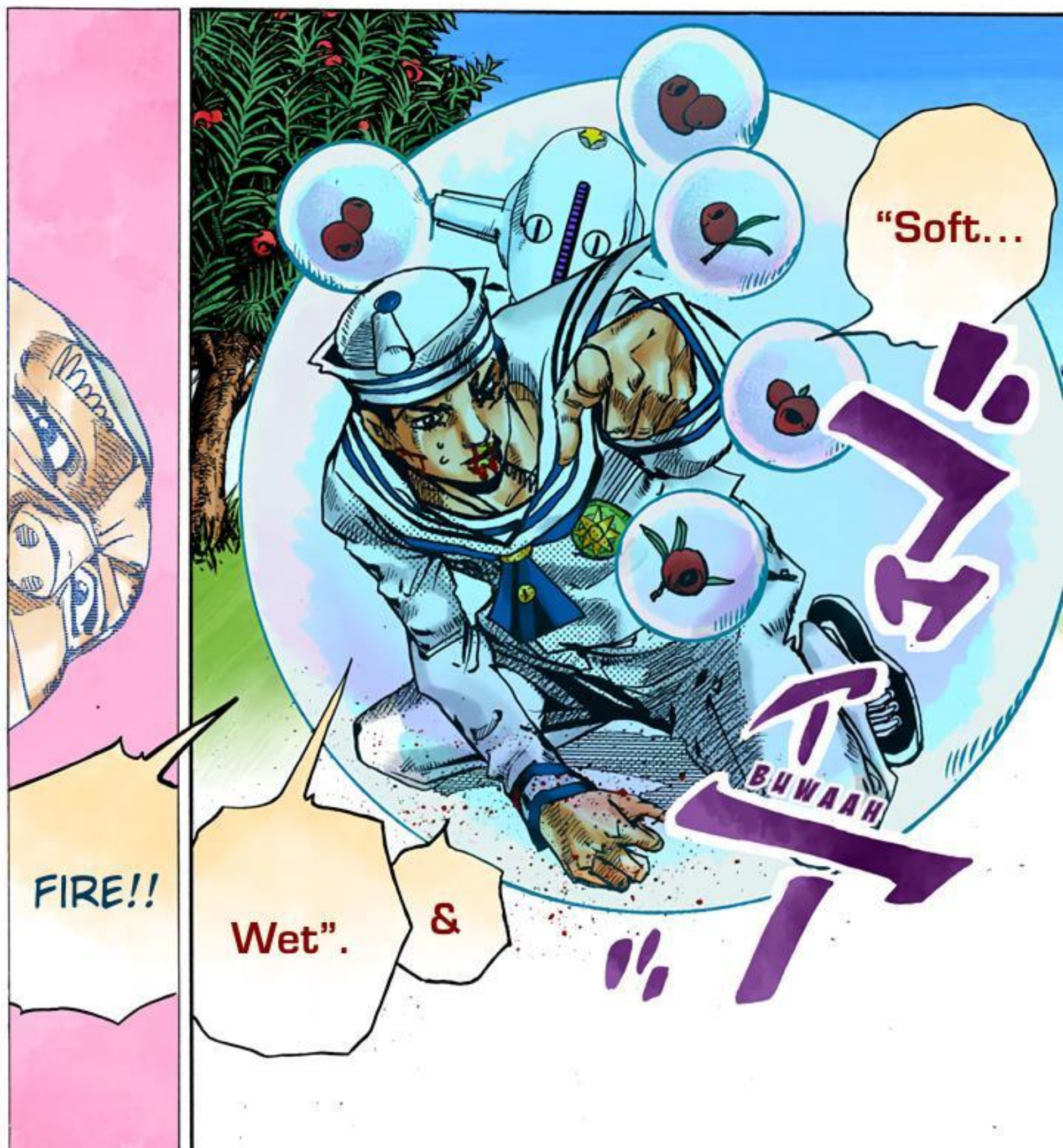
I DUG IT
UP FROM
UNDER THE
GROUND.

BUT... WITH
YOU TOUCHIN'
ME LIKE THIS,
THE PRESSURE
LEVEL'S
GONNA...



BEFORE
YOU CAN
BREAK MY
BODY...
I'M GONNA
CRUSH YER
INSIDES!

MY
CERVICAL
VERTEBRAE
HAVEN'T
BROKEN
YET!



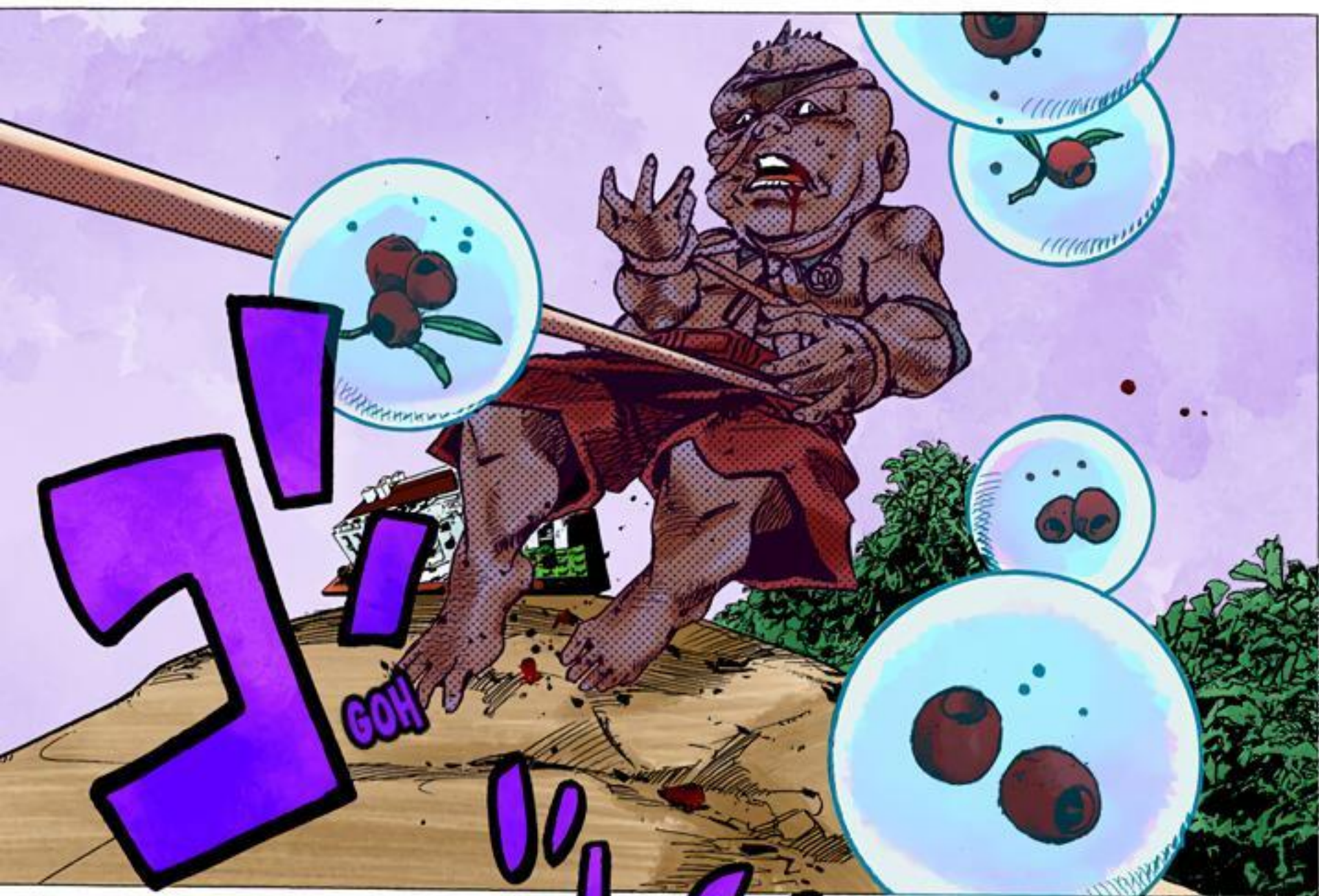
FIRE!!

Wet".

&

"Soft...

BUWAH





THEIR
LEAVES AND
BRANCHES
ARE USED
IN SHINTO
RITUALS
BUT...

THERE ARE
'YEW' TREES
GROWING
IN THE
HIGASHIKATA
ORCHARD.

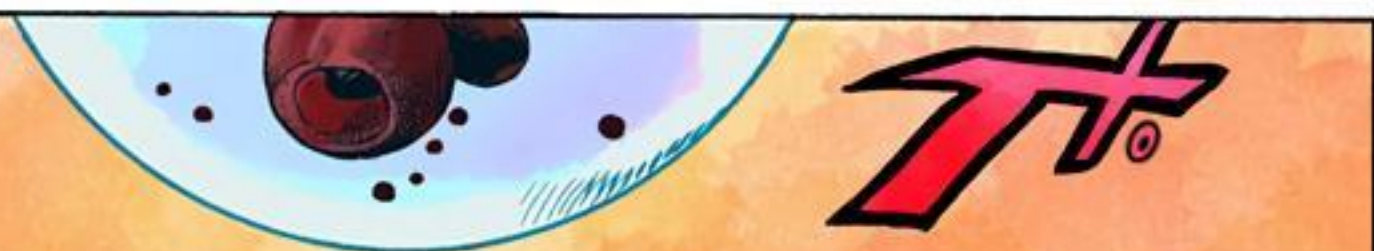
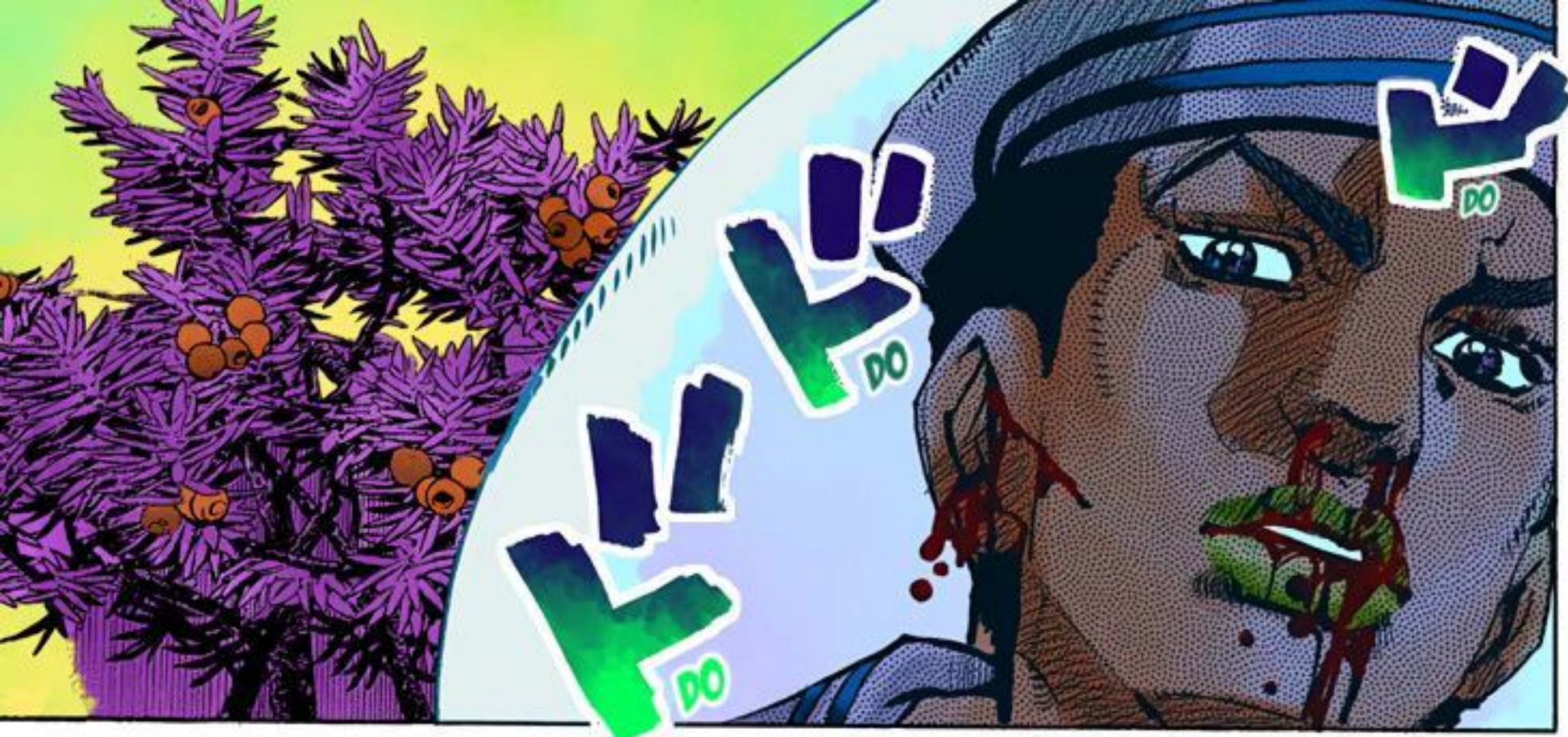
I'LL SAY
THIS, YOU'RE
LUCKY YOU
DIDN'T 'GRAFT'
THE ROKAKAKA
'BRANCH'
TO A YEW
BRANCH.

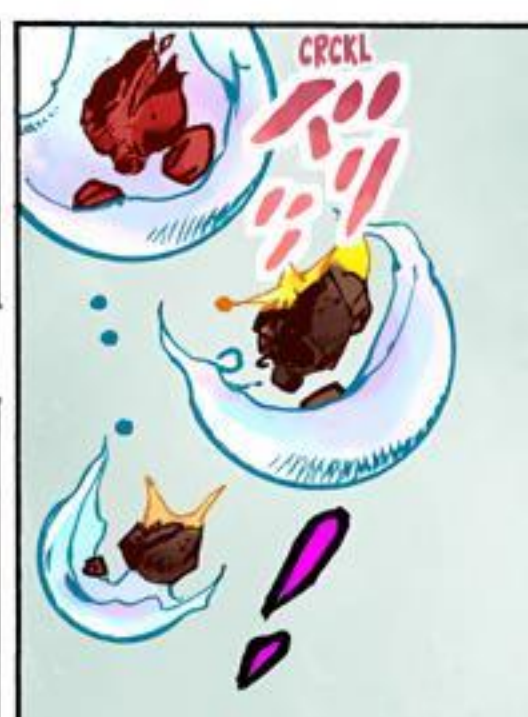
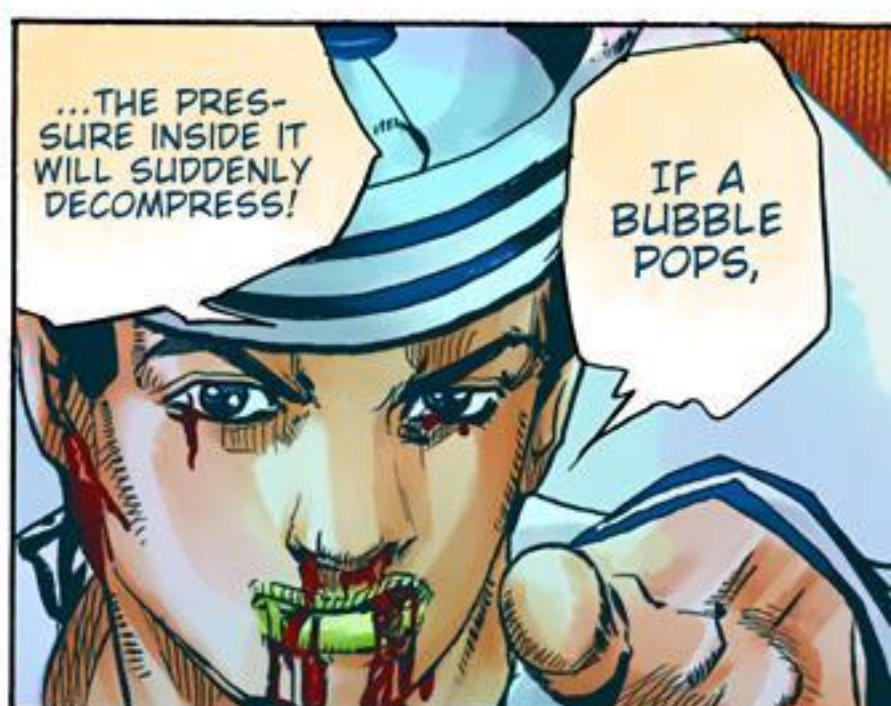
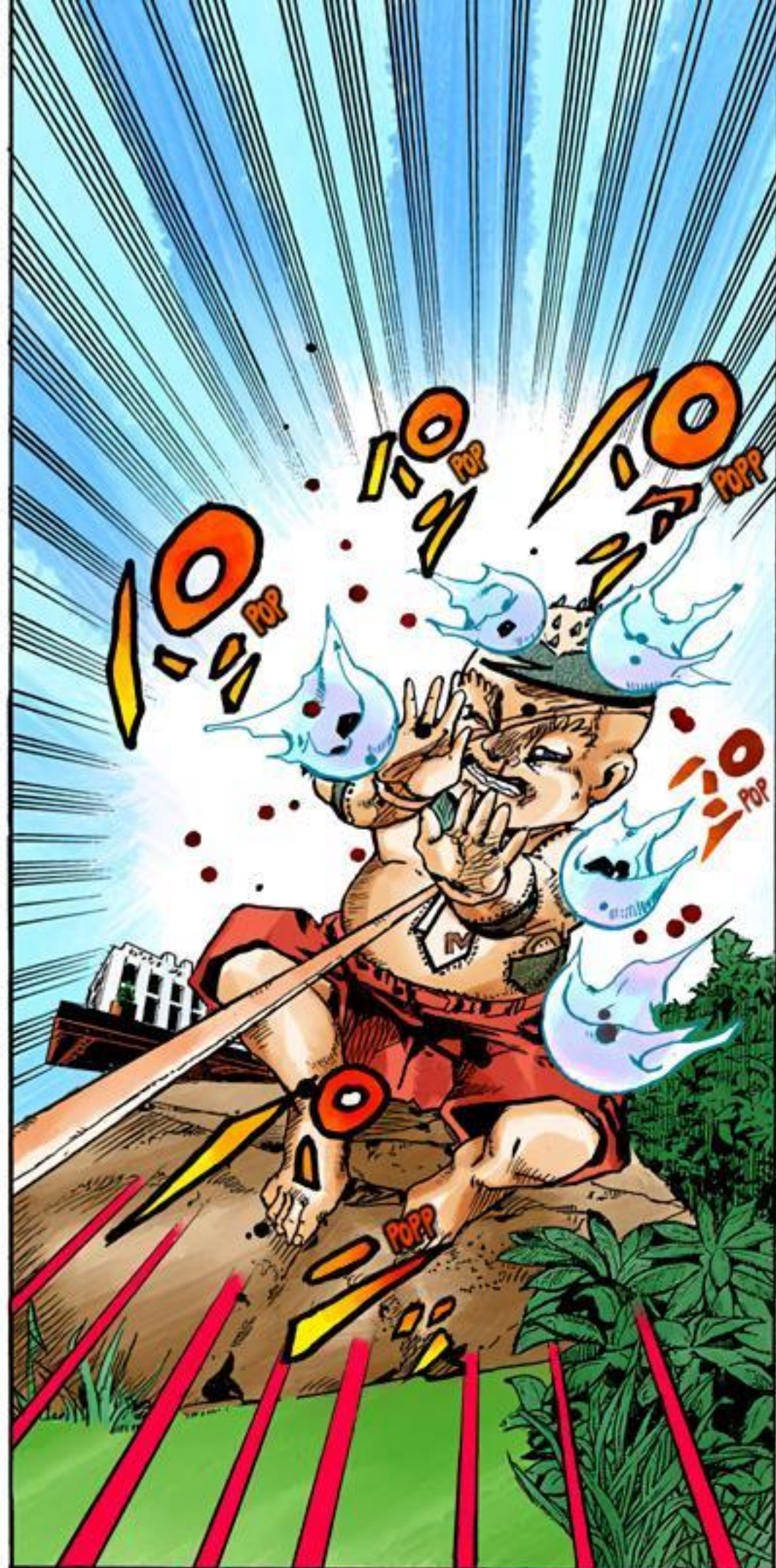


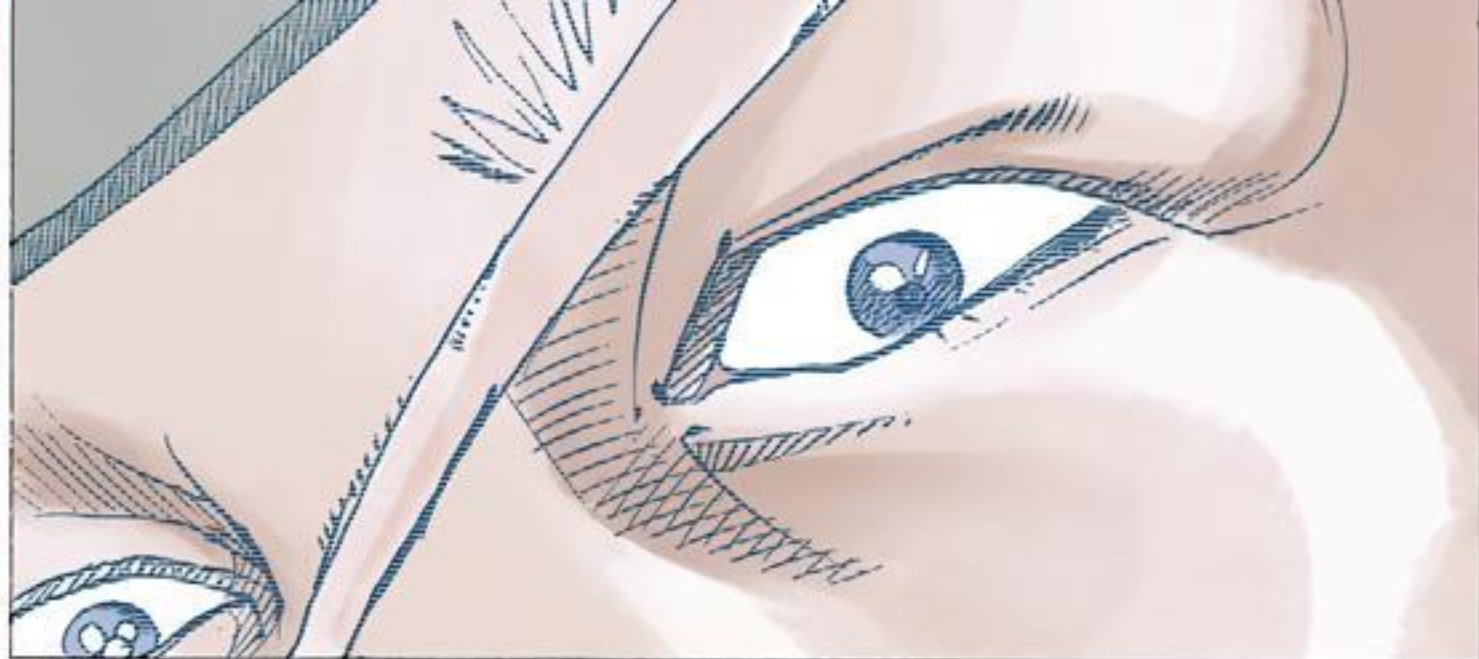
IT'S A GOOD
THING THE
ROKAKAKA
BRANCH ISN'T
GRAFTED
TO ONE OF
THESE.

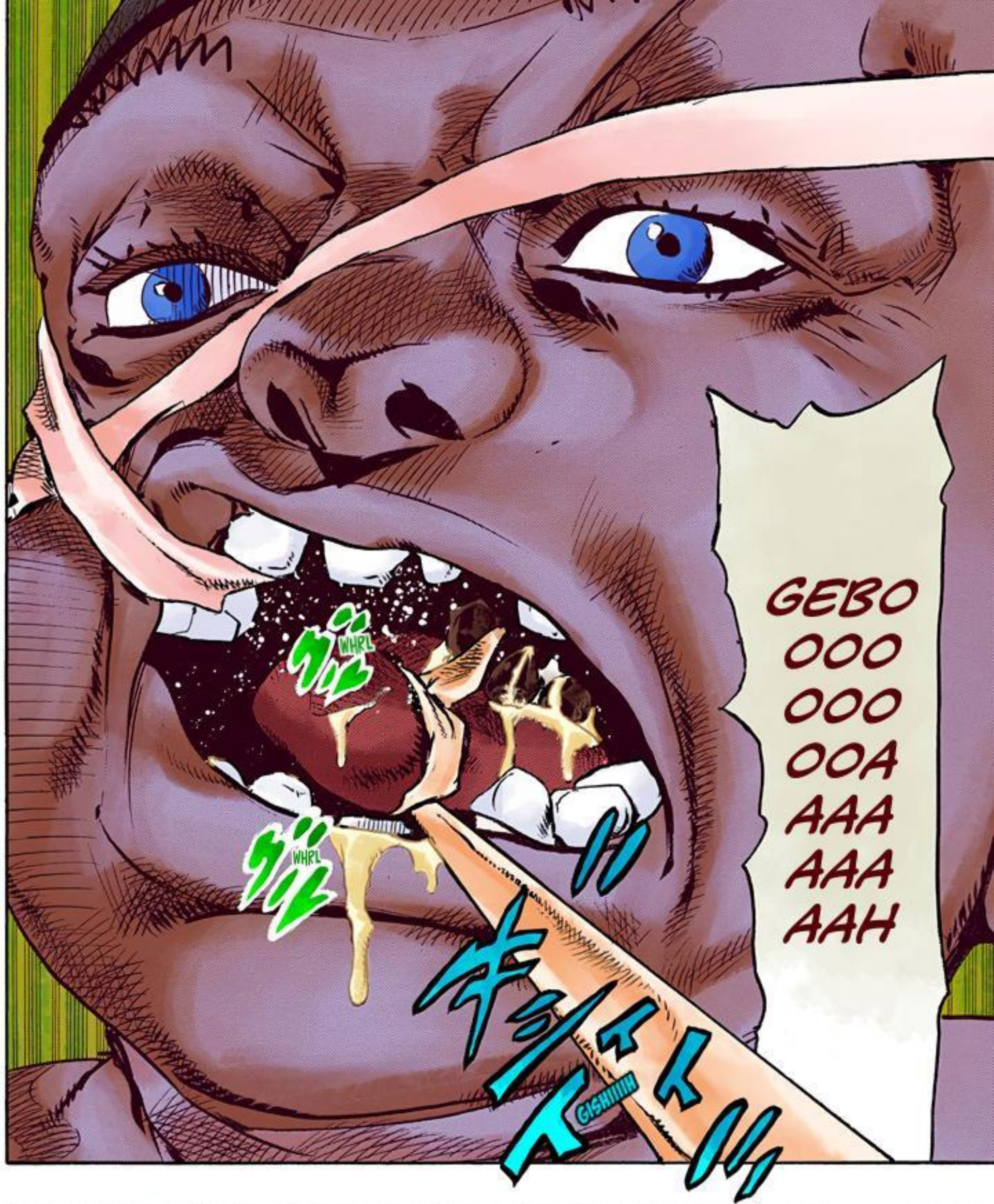
ESPECIALLY
IF YOU
PUT THE
'SEEDS'
IN YOUR
MOUTH.

THESE THINGS
ARE DEADLY
POISON. THEY'LL
DO EXTREME
DAMAGE TO
YOUR INSIDES.









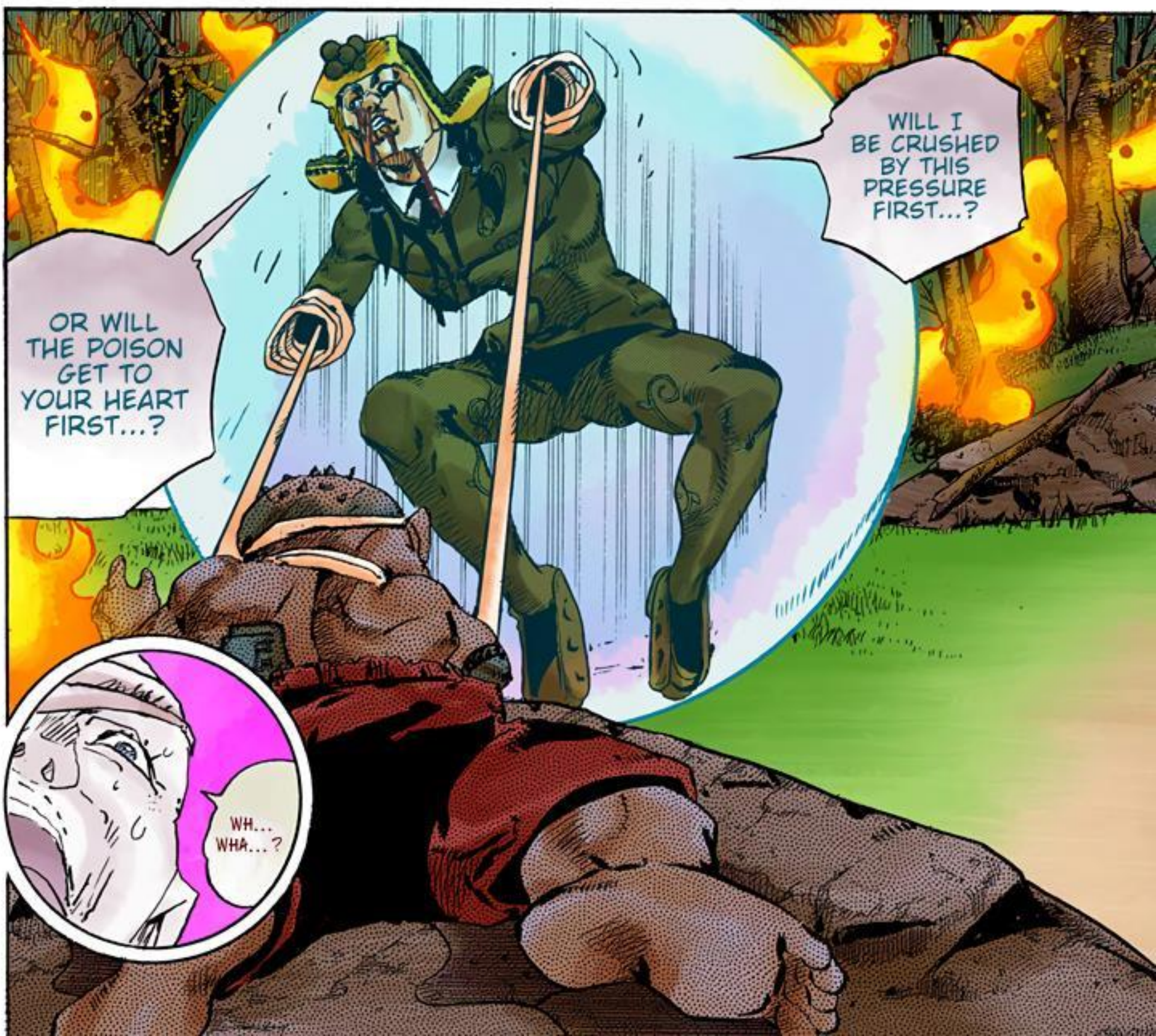
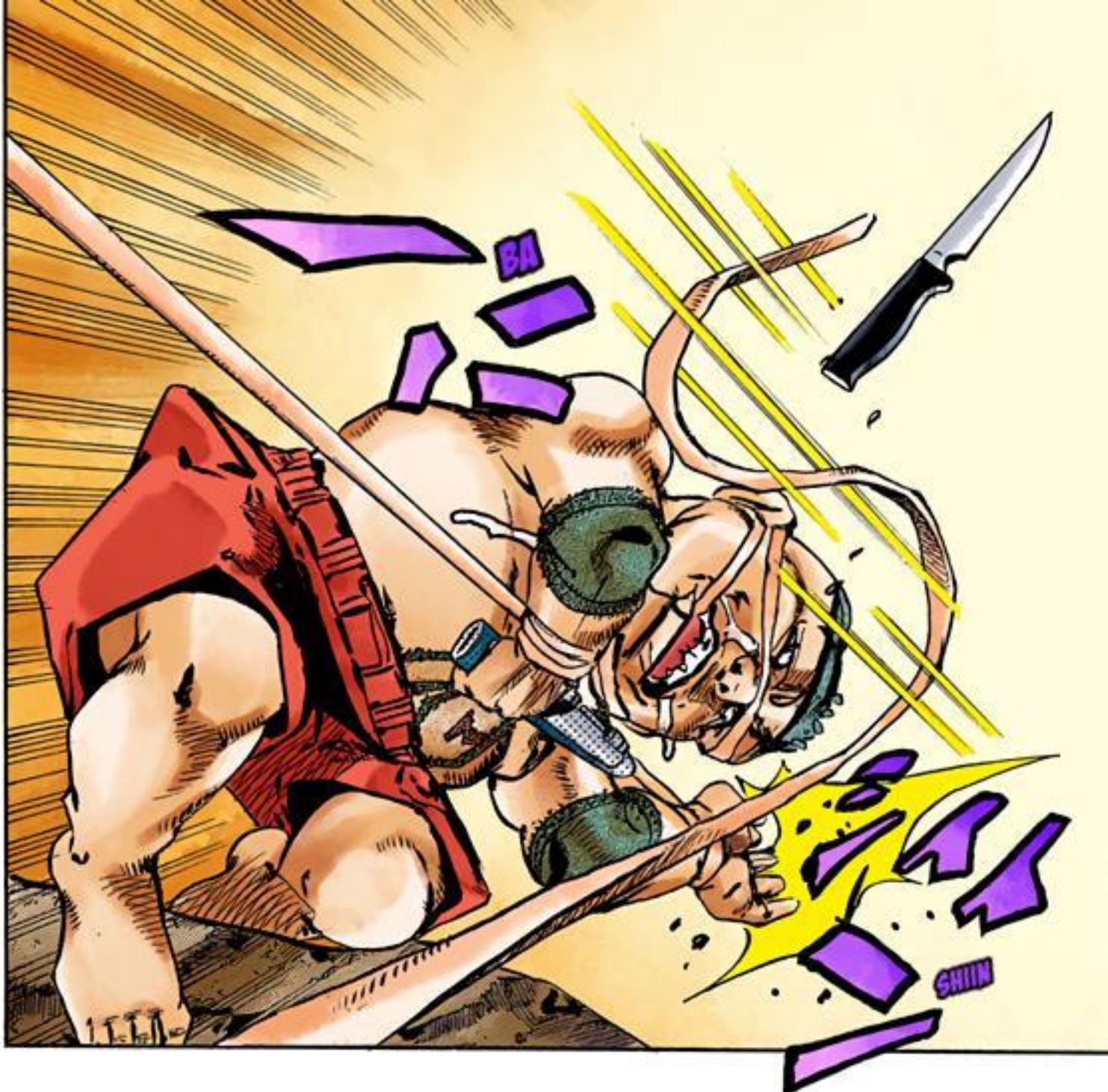
IT CAN
EVEN KILL
LARGE-SIZED
LIVESTOCK

WHEN YEW
POISON IS ABSORBED
BY DIGESTIVE ORGANS,
IT'S SENT STRAIGHT TO
THE HEART AND CAUSES
BLOOD PRESSURE TO
GO OFF THE CHARTS,
VIOLENT CONVULSIONS,
AND TEARS INTERNAL
ORGANS TO
SHREDS!

YEW'S ARE AS
POISONOUS
AS YOU CAN
GET!

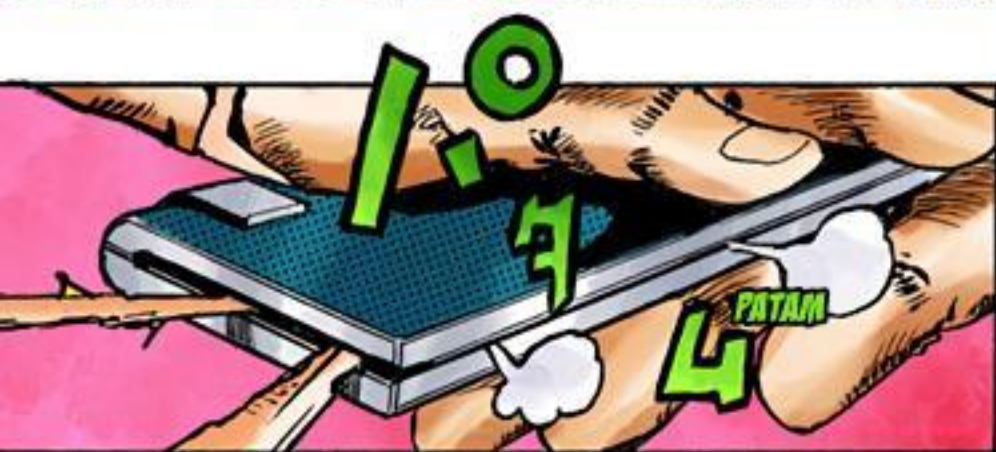
'ENGLISH YEW'
SEEDS WERE USED
BY AUTHOR AGATHA
CHRISTIE IN HER
BOOKS AS A TRICK
TO KILL SOMEONE
BY PUTTING ONE
IN A SPOONFUL
OF JAM!







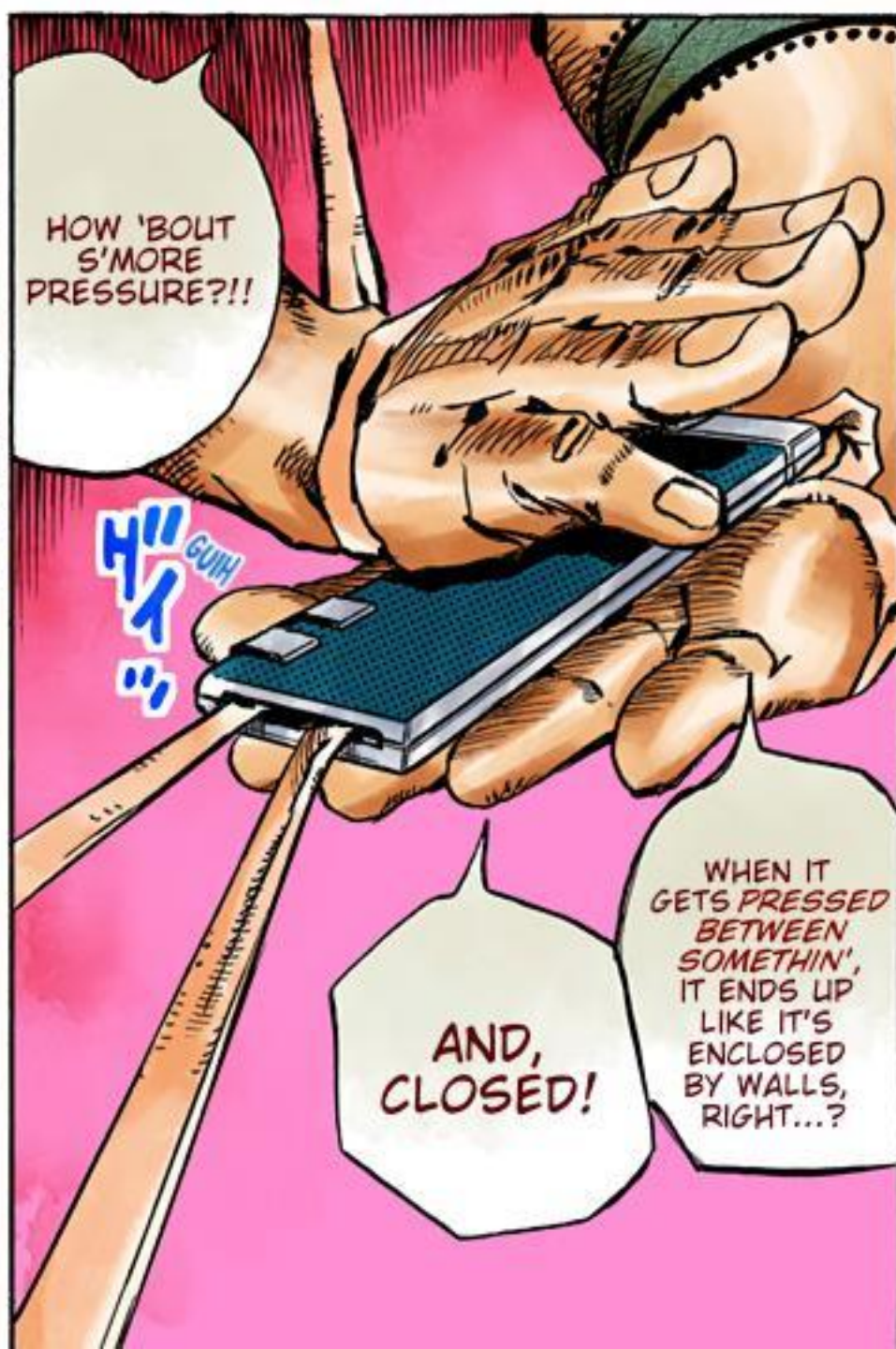
WHAT I
NEEDED
WAS THE
'SHEATH'!!



...WASN'T
THE
'KNIFE'!

...BUT
WHAT I
WANTED
TA USE...

IF YOU
THINK I WAS
TRYIN' TA USE
THAT KNIFE
TA CUT YER
WIRES, I HATE
TA BREAK
IT TO YA,



HOW 'BOUT
S'MORE
PRESSURE?!!

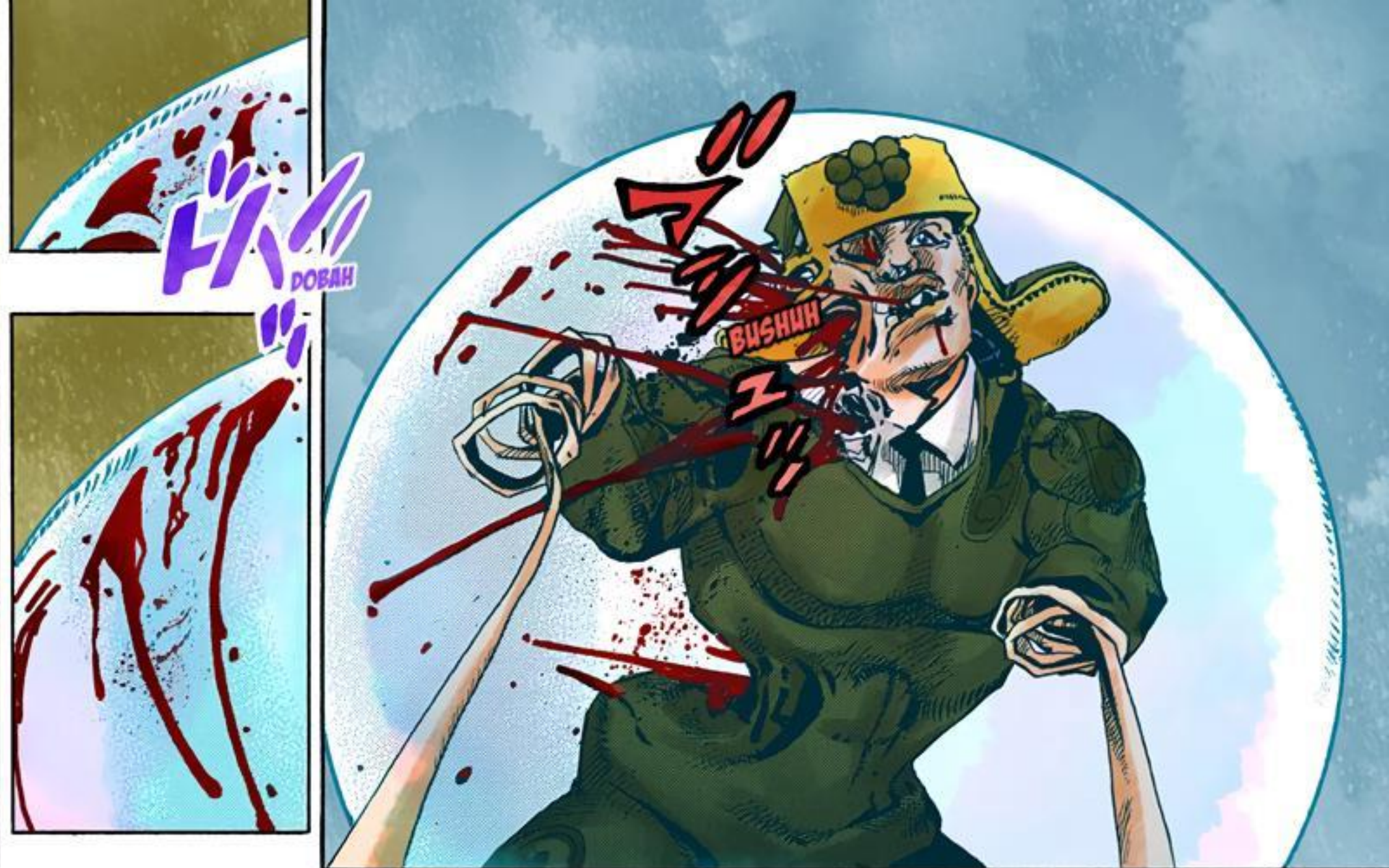
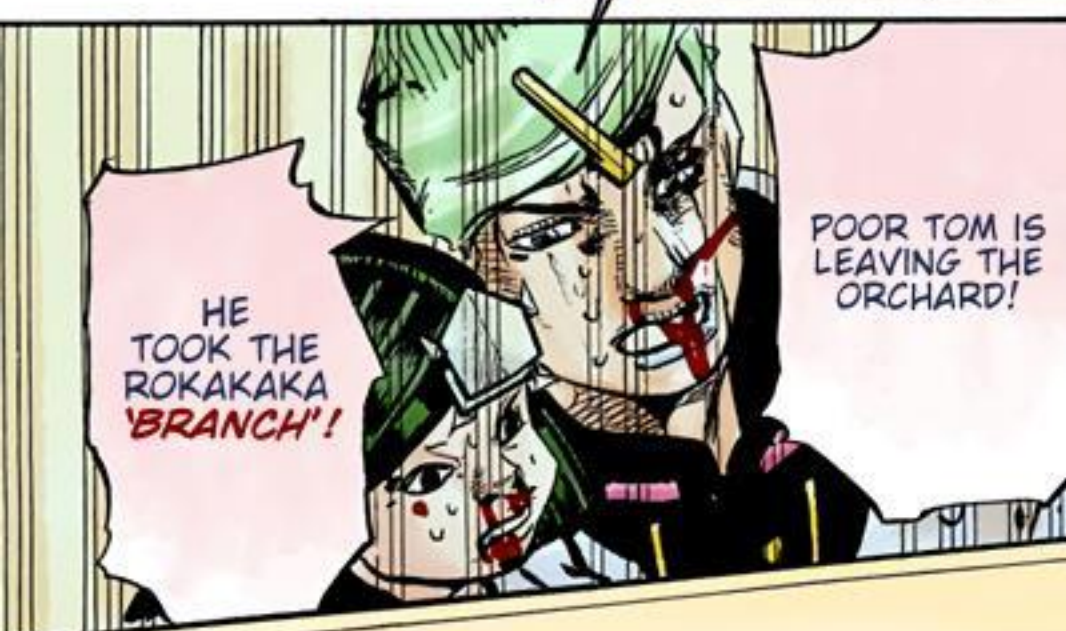
HI
GUSH

AND,
CLOSED!

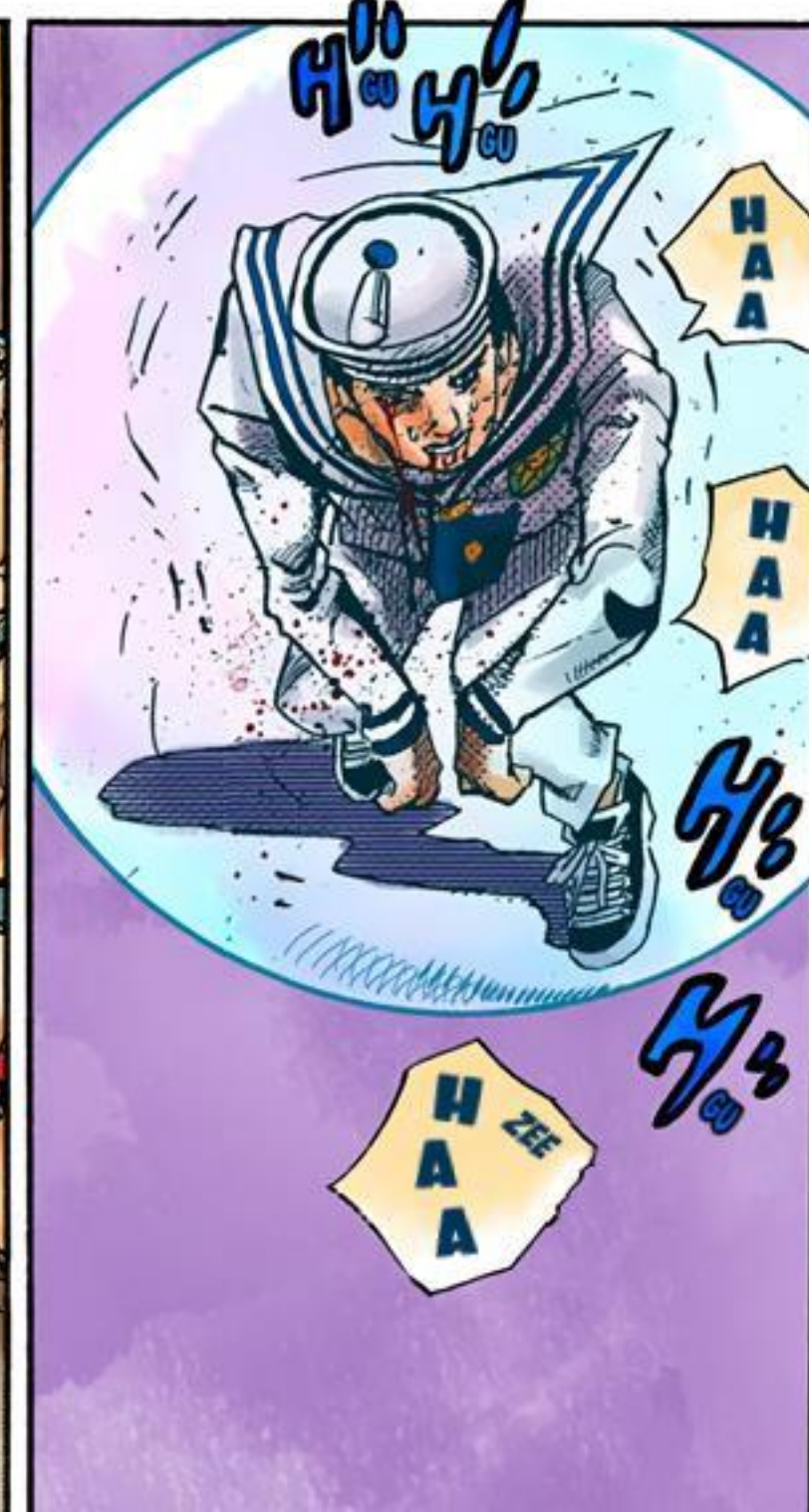
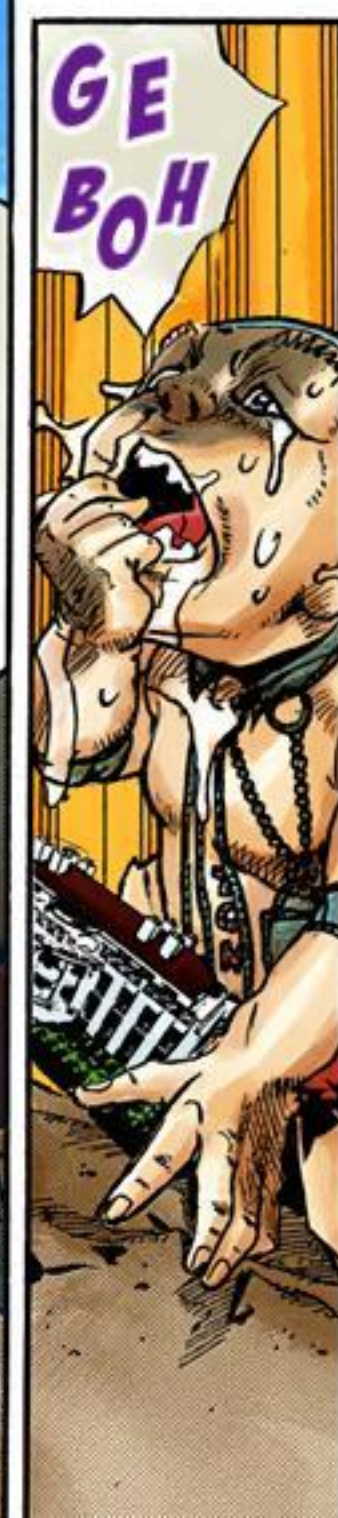
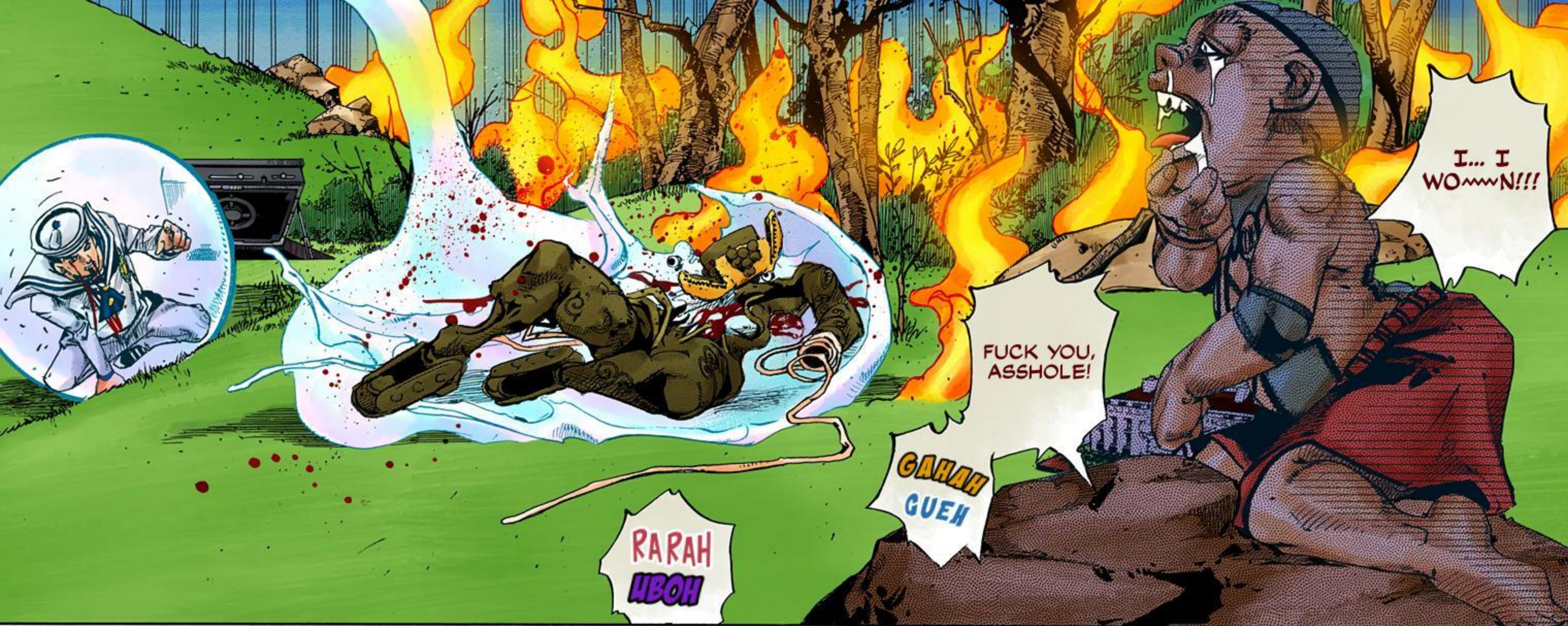
WHEN IT
GETS PRESSED
BETWEEN
SOMETHIN',
IT ENDS UP
LIKE IT'S
ENCLOSED
BY WALLS,
RIGHT...?



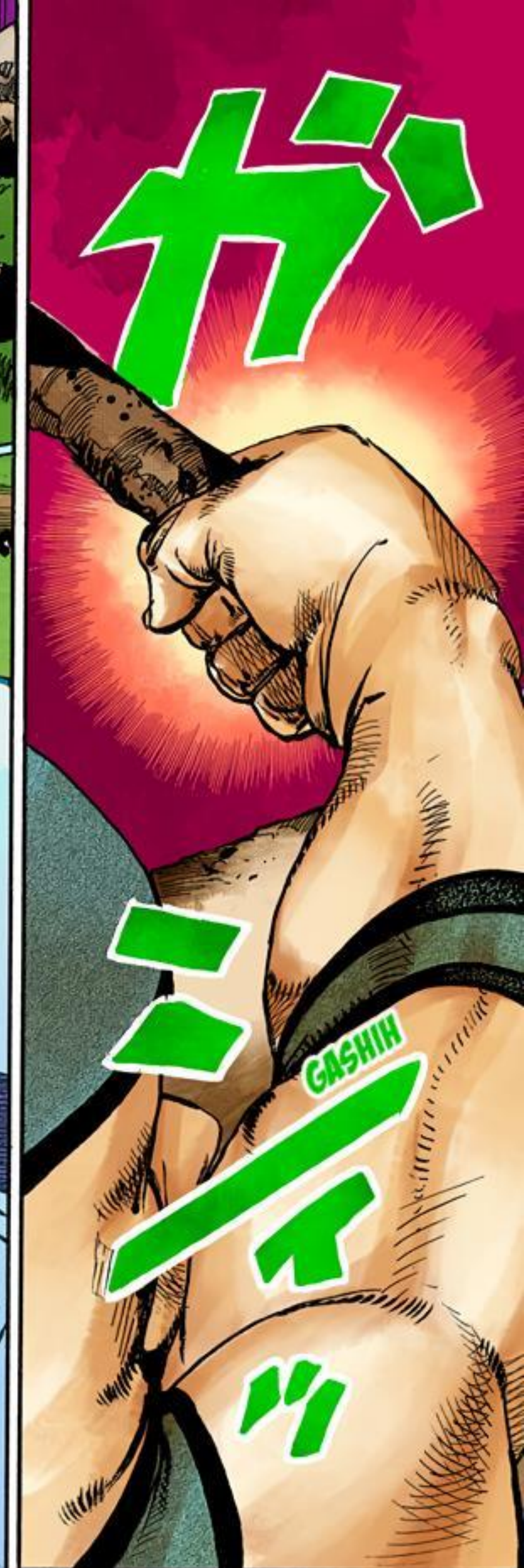
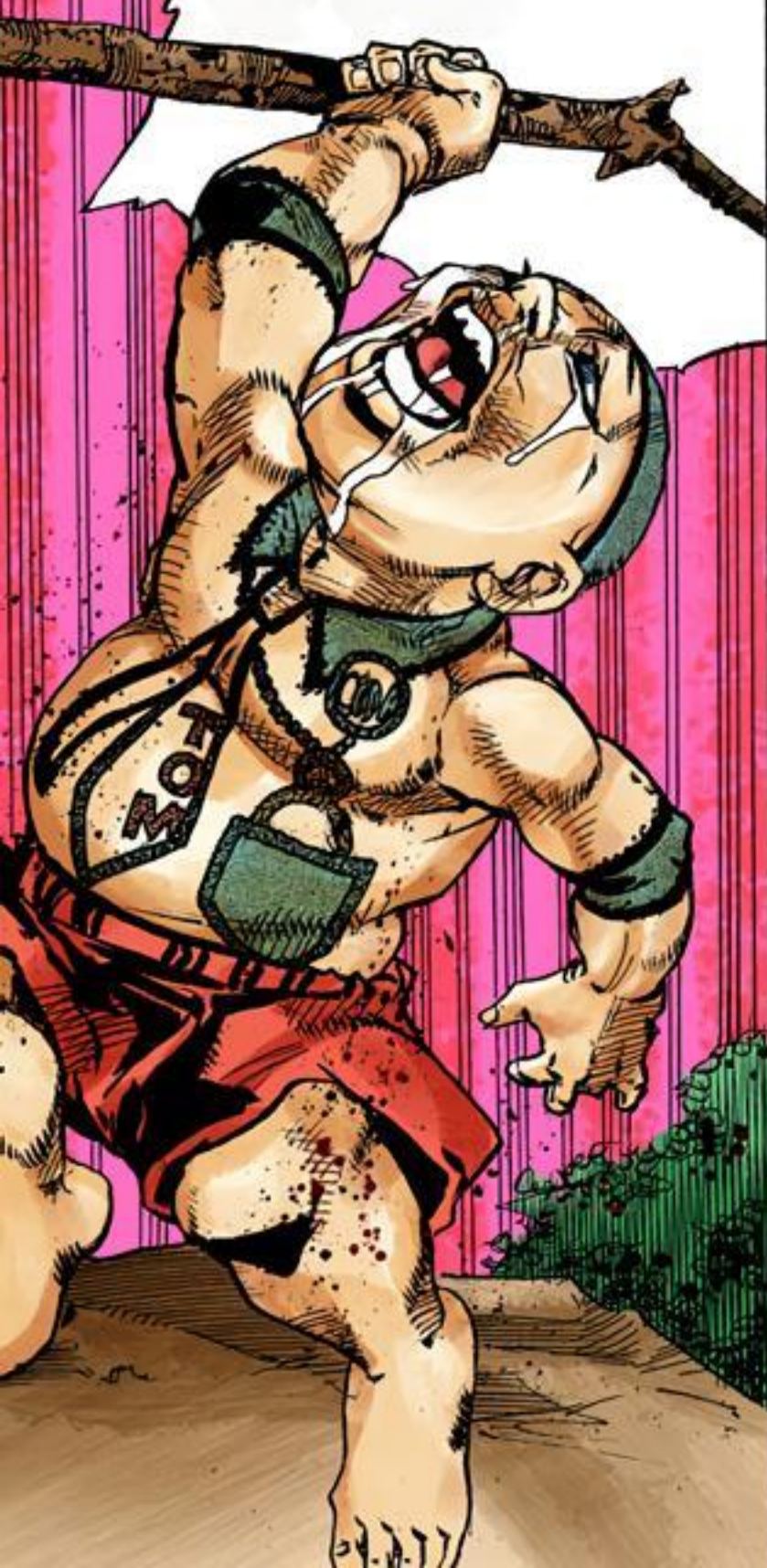
MAME-
ZUKU-
SAN!



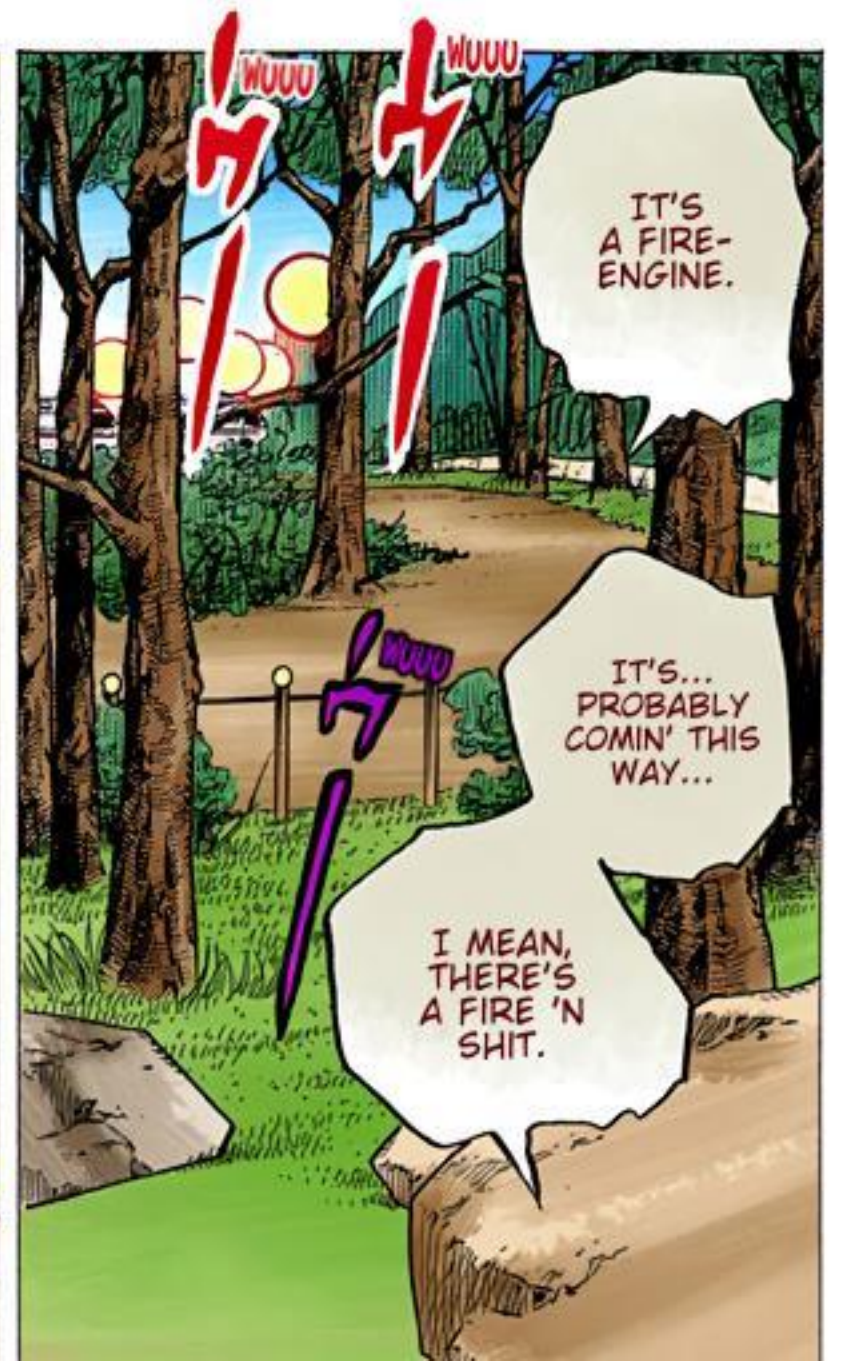
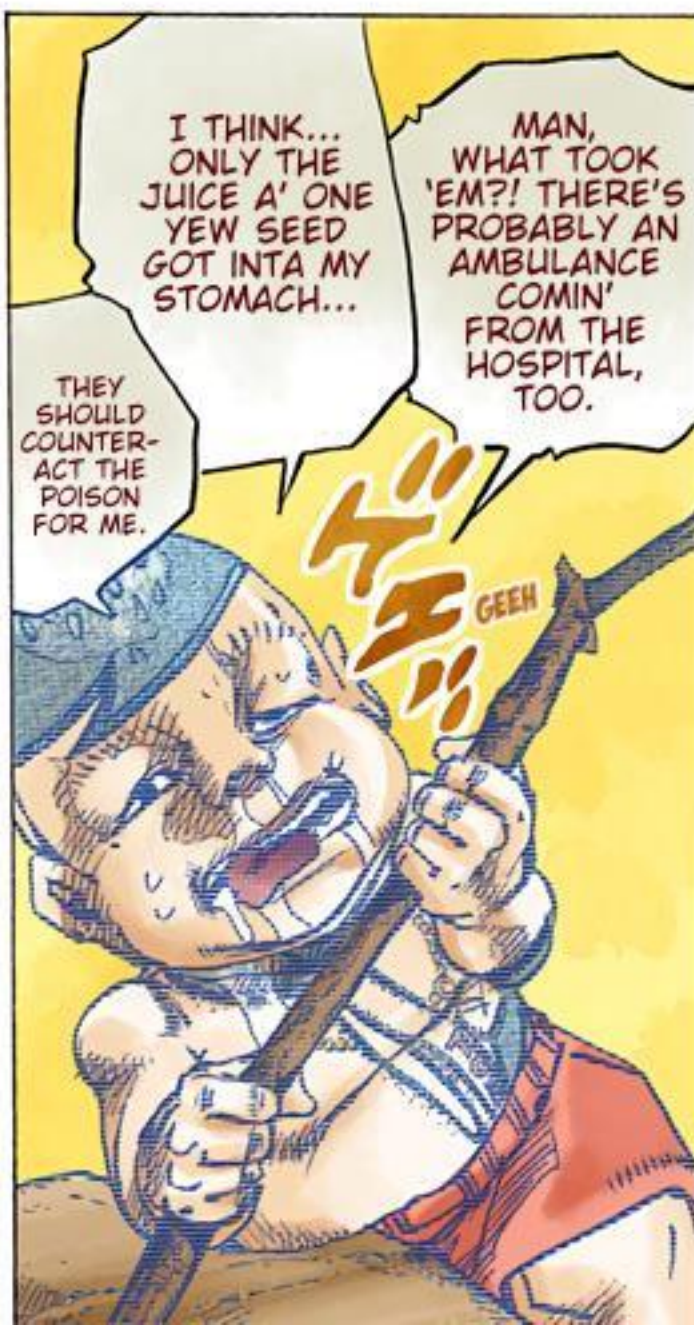
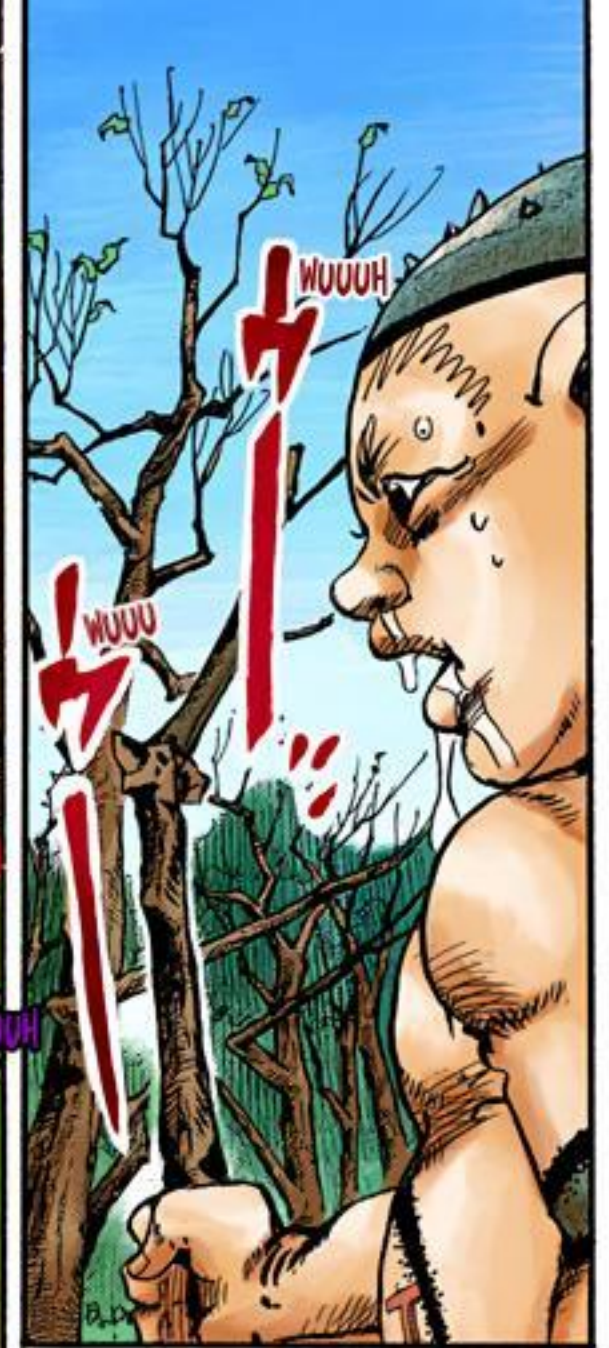
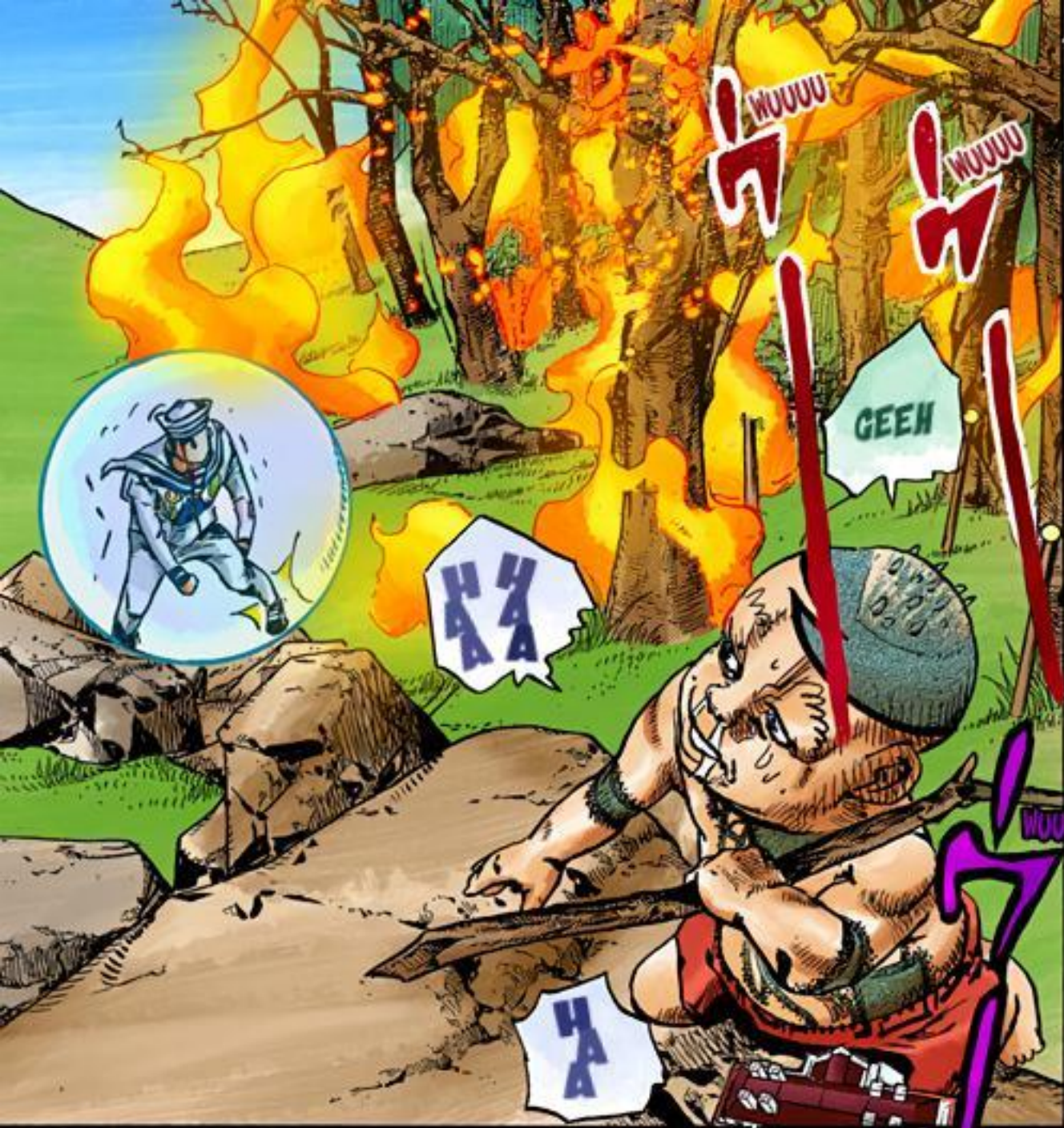


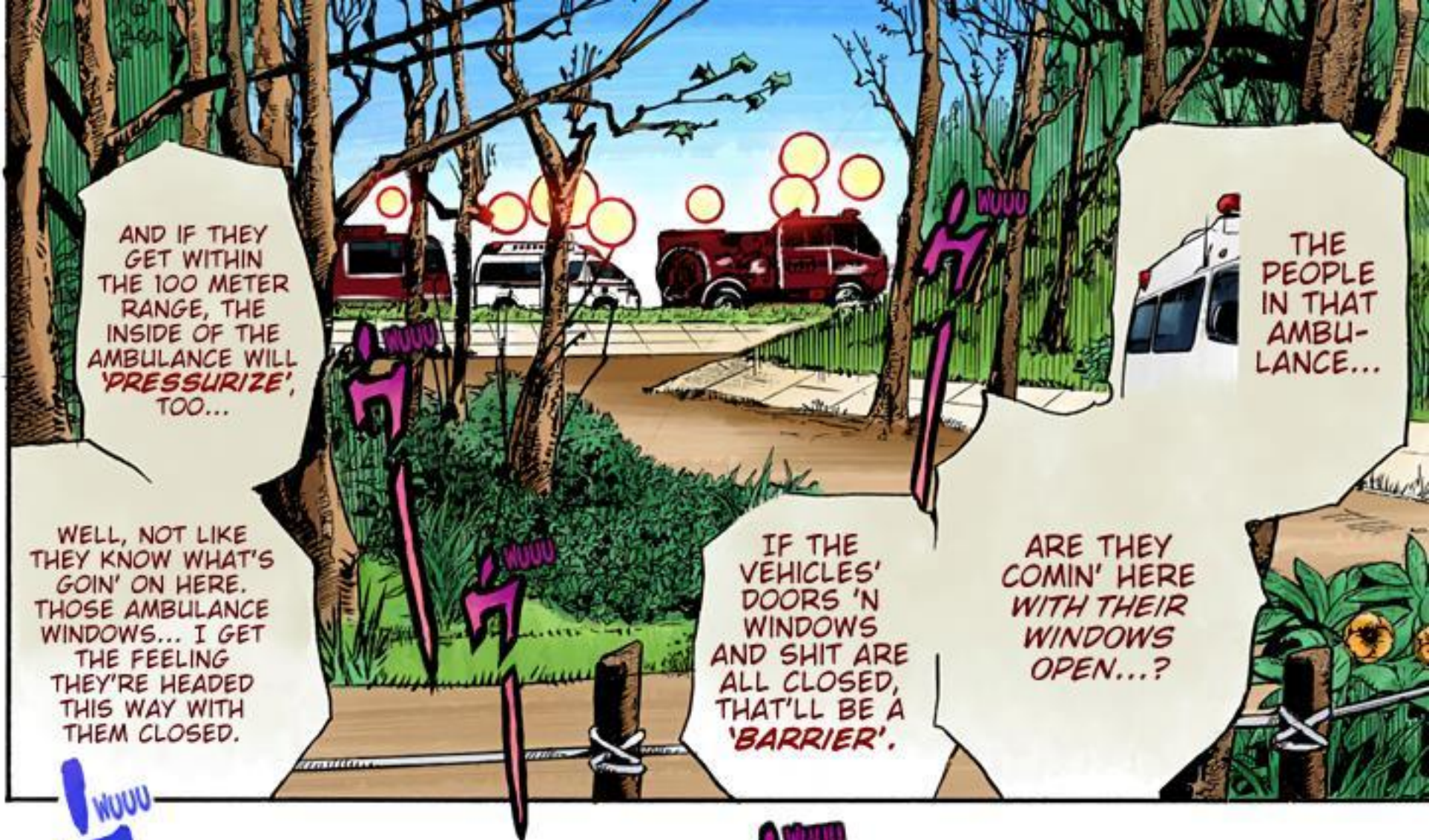


THE
'BRANCH'
IS MIIII-
IINE!!









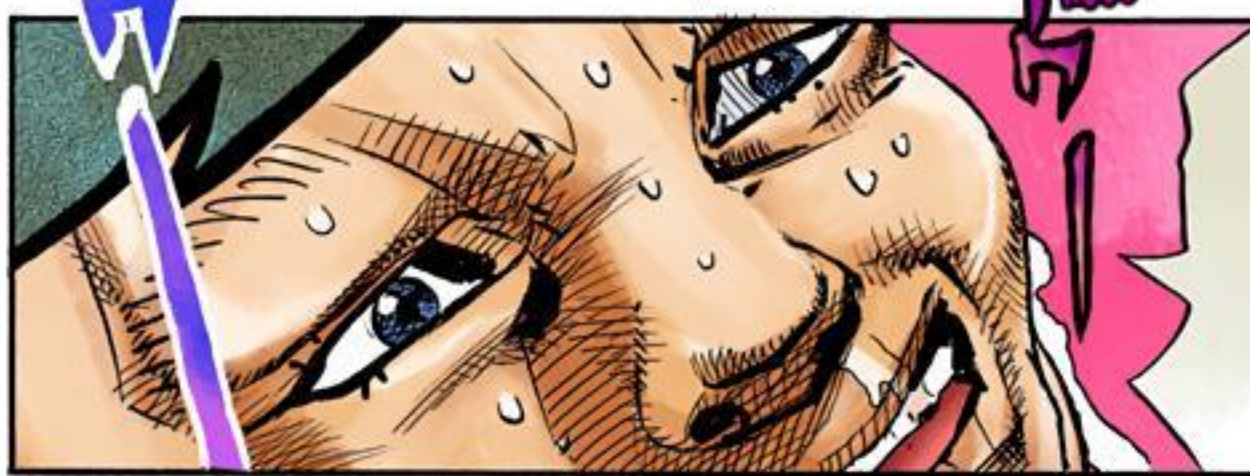
AND IF THEY
GET WITHIN
THE 100 METER
RANGE, THE
INSIDE OF THE
AMBULANCE WILL
'PRESSURIZE',
TOO...

THE
PEOPLE
IN THAT
AMBU-
LANCE...

WELL, NOT LIKE
THEY KNOW WHAT'S
GOIN' ON HERE.
THOSE AMBULANCE
WINDOWS... I GET
THE FEELING
THEY'RE HEADED
THIS WAY WITH
THEM CLOSED.

IF THE
VEHICLES'
DOORS 'N
WINDOWS
AND SHIT ARE
ALL CLOSED,
THAT'LL BE A
'BARRIER'.

ARE THEY
COMIN' HERE
WITH THEIR
WINDOWS
OPEN...?



BECAUSE THEY'RE
COMRADES...



MAN, THAT
GUY DOESN'T
GIVE UP.
COULDN'T HE
HAVE JUST
COLLAPSED
AND TOOK A
REST...?

MY
GOAL'S THIS
'BRANCH'.
I'D LIKE
TA JUST
RESCIND
OZONE BABY
AT THIS
POINT.

THE PRESSURE
SHOULD BE
GOING GRADUALLY
BACK TO NORMAL
AS I GET AWAY
FROM HIM...

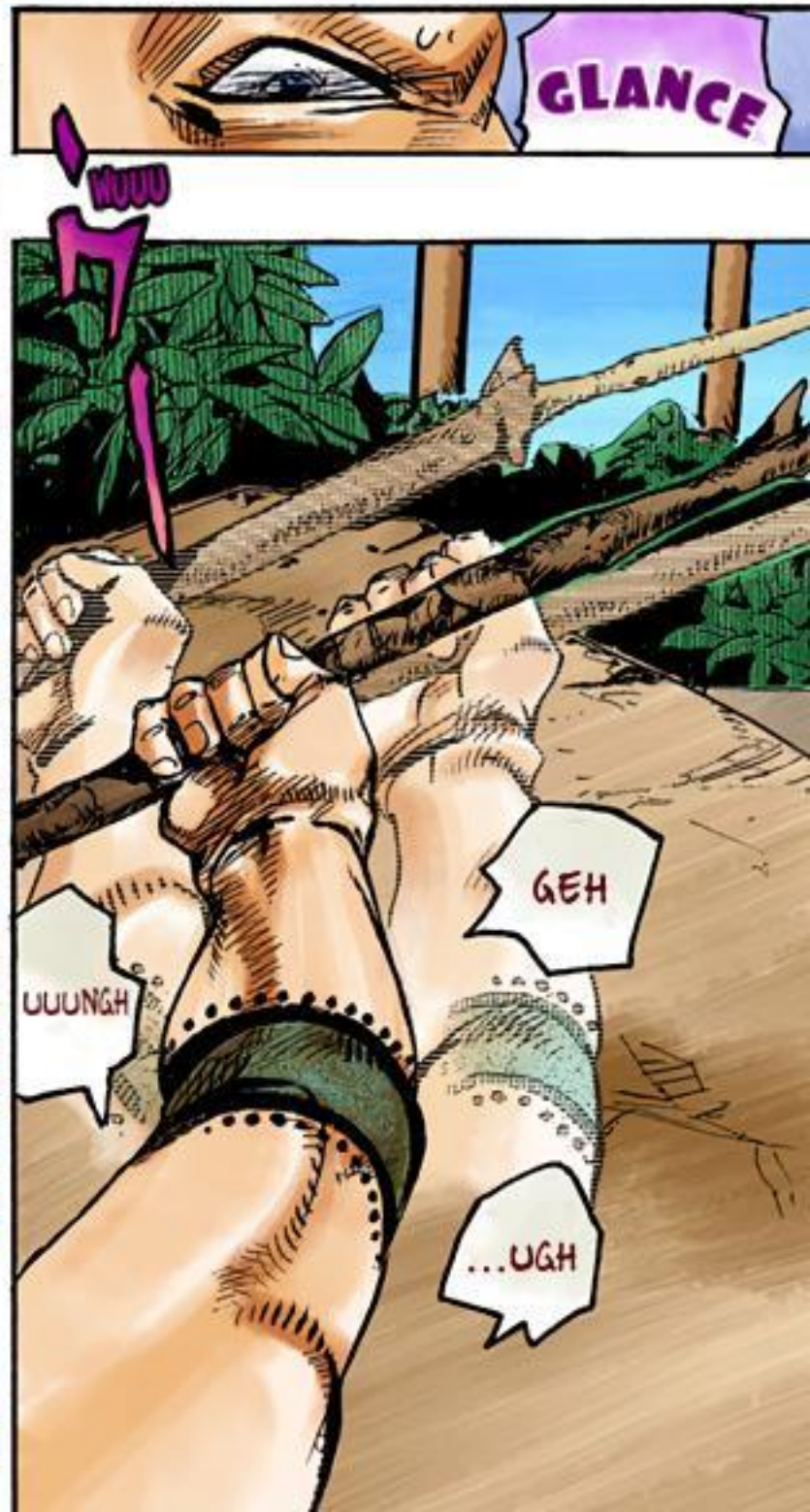


DAMMI~~~~
~~~~~T!

I'M  
FEELING  
PRETTY  
DAMN  
SHITTY  
RIGHT  
NOW...

GEH

GEEE



GLANCE

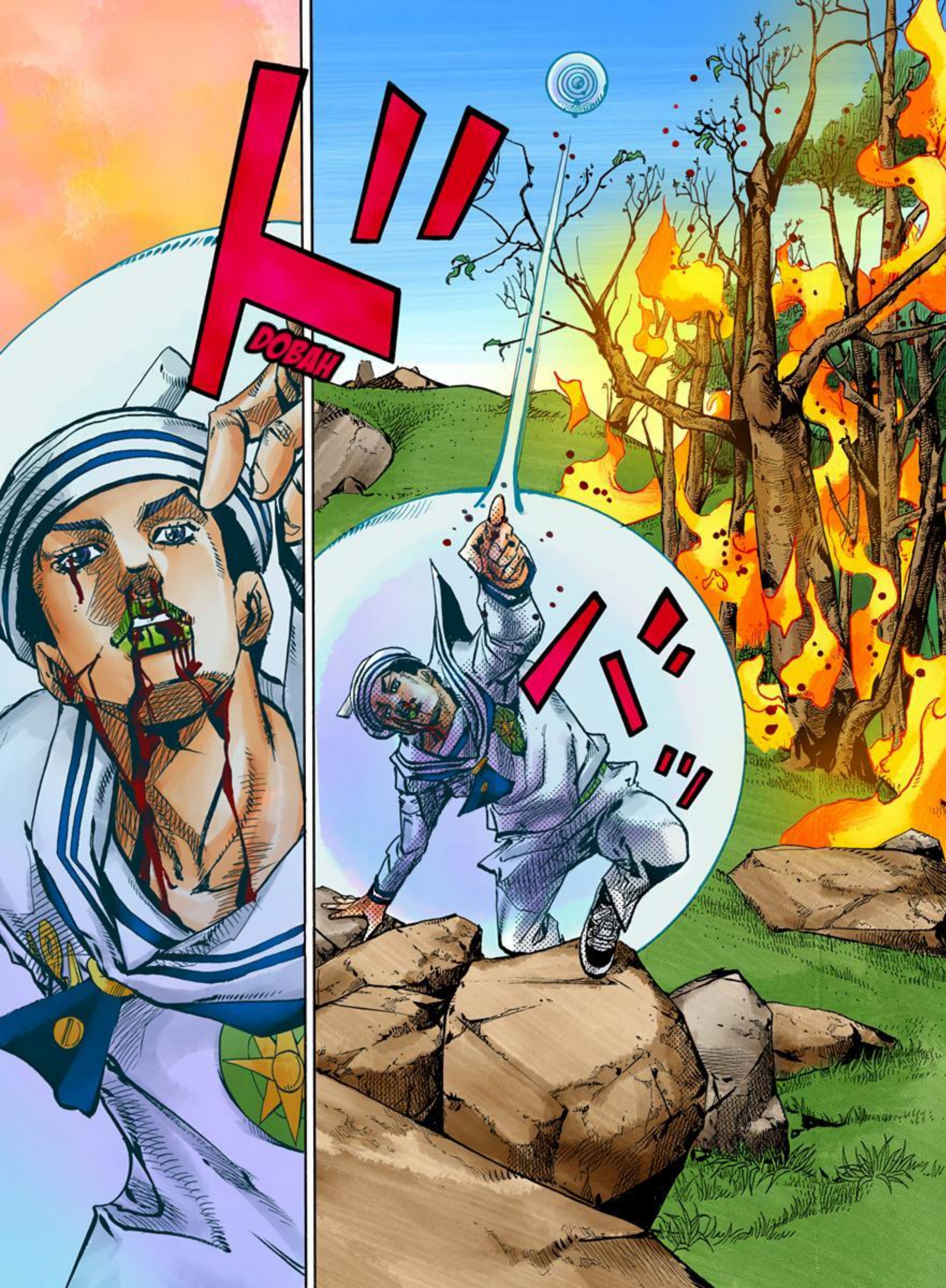
GEH

...UGH





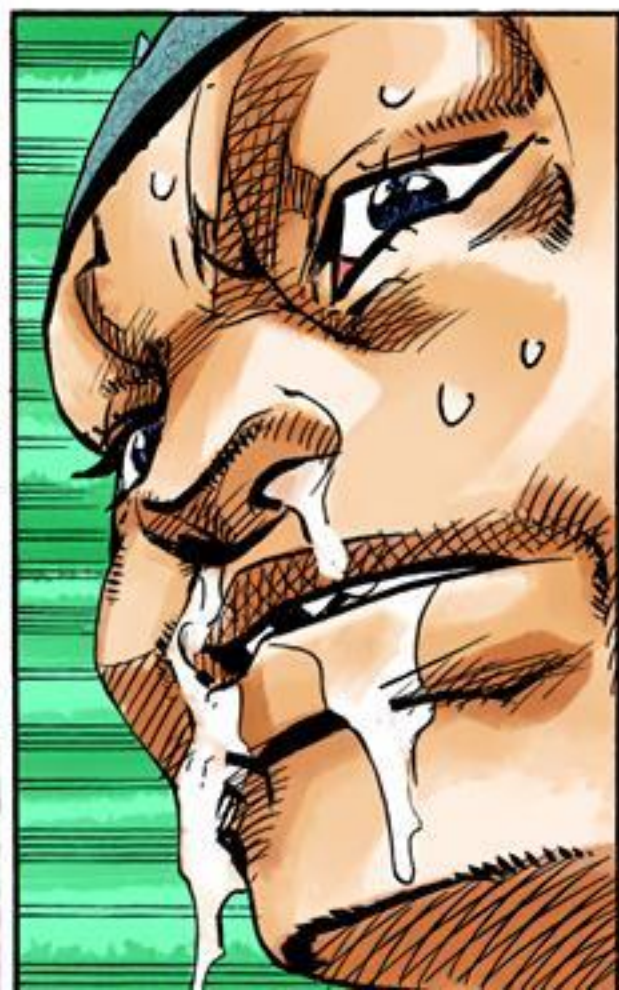
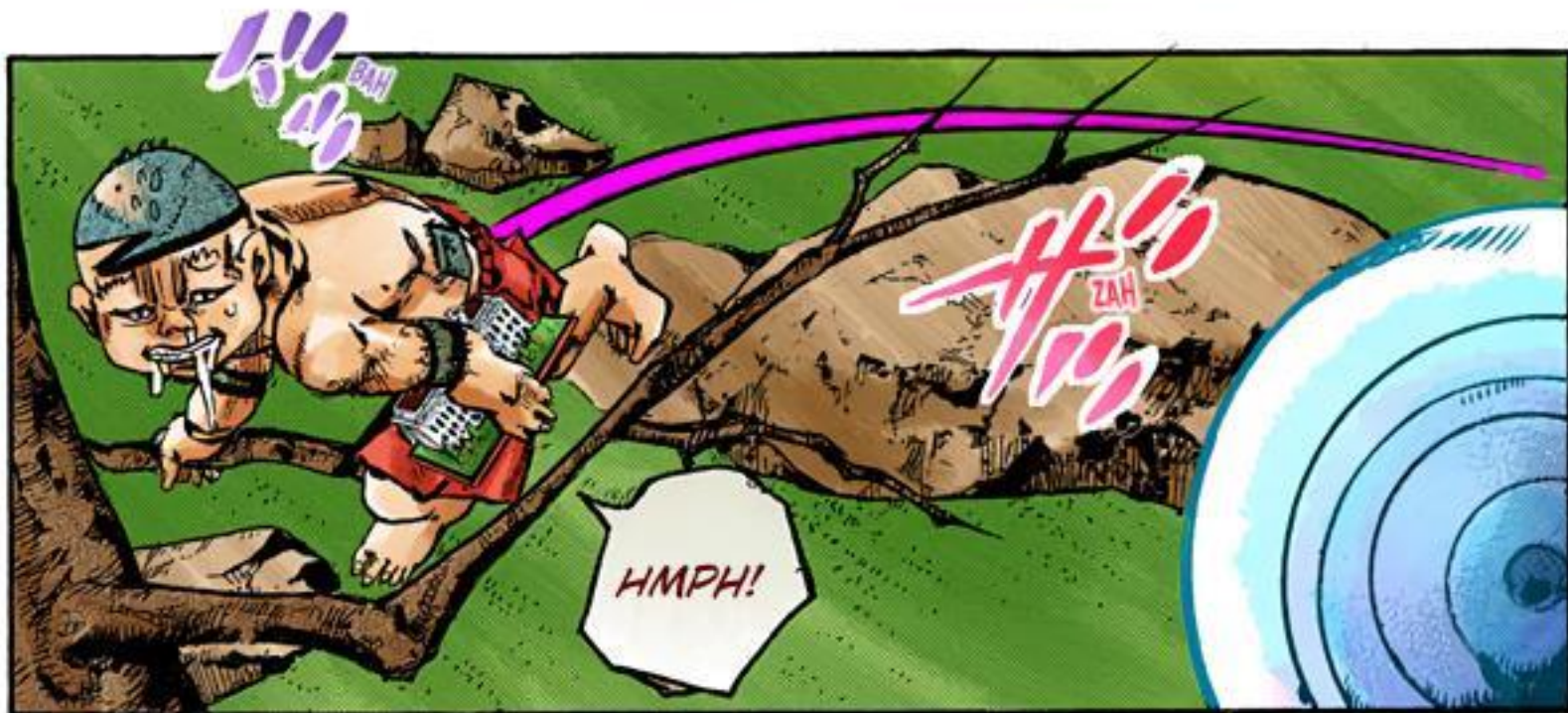








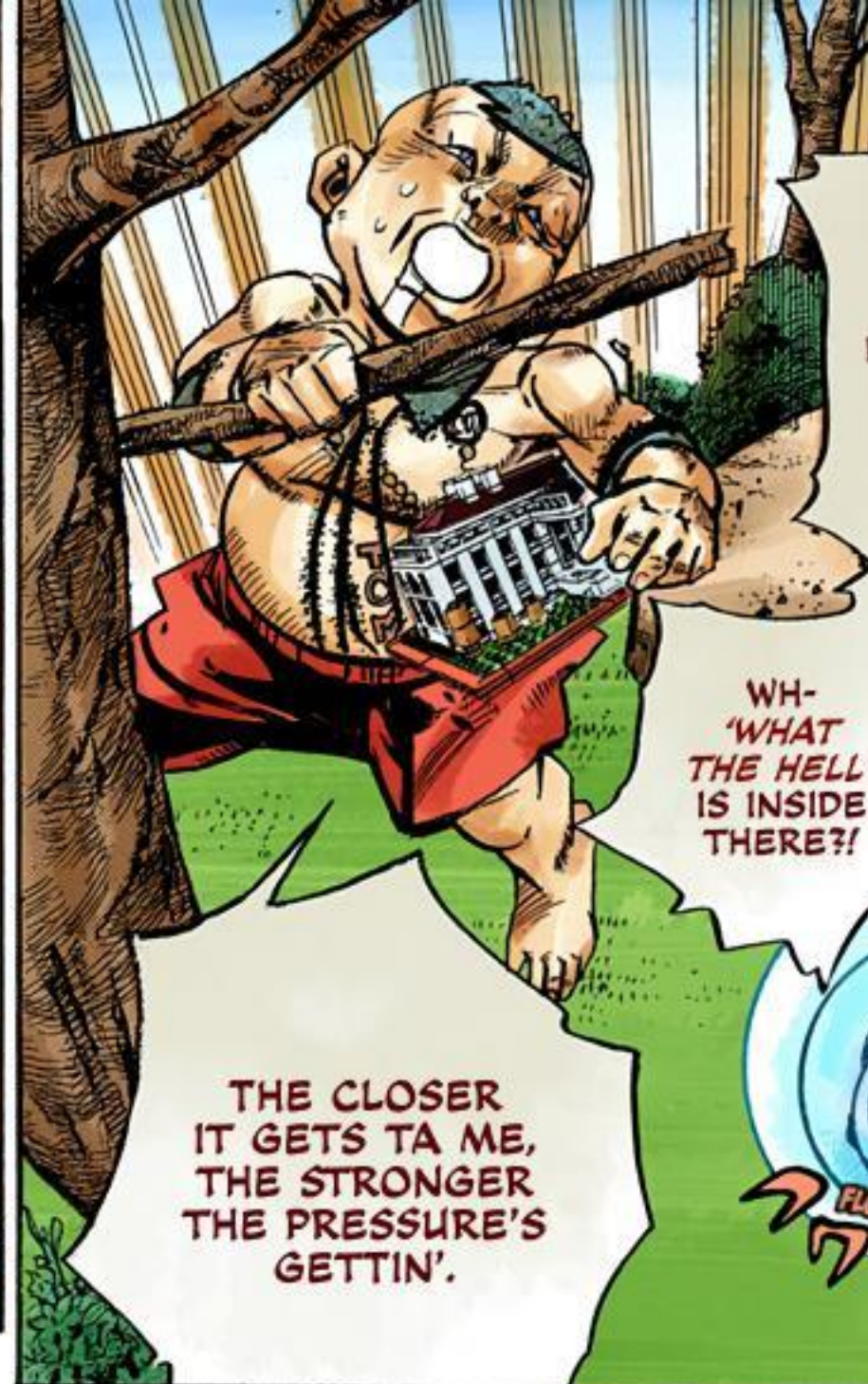








IT'S BREAKIN'  
ONE LAYER  
AT A TIME!



ONE OF  
THE SOAP  
BUBBLES POPPED!  
AND THEN THE  
DIRECTION  
IT'S MOVIN'  
IN CHANGED  
TOO!!

WH-  
'WHAT  
THE HELL'  
IS INSIDE  
THERE?!

THE CLOSER  
IT GETS TA ME,  
THE STRONGER  
THE PRESSURE'S  
GETTIN'.



GEH!

UHH!

UOOH!



ANOTHER ONE  
POPPED!





WUUU

WUUU

WUUU

WUUU

H-HERE IT COMES!

YOU BASTARD!

SHIRU

SHIRU

SHIRU

SHIRU









**PRESENTED BY: DUCKSWITHHATS**

**TYPESETTING: BLACKZERO**

**CLEANING: MINEDOR**

**LOGO: THATDUDE**

**QC: NAT71828, SUICUNE41**

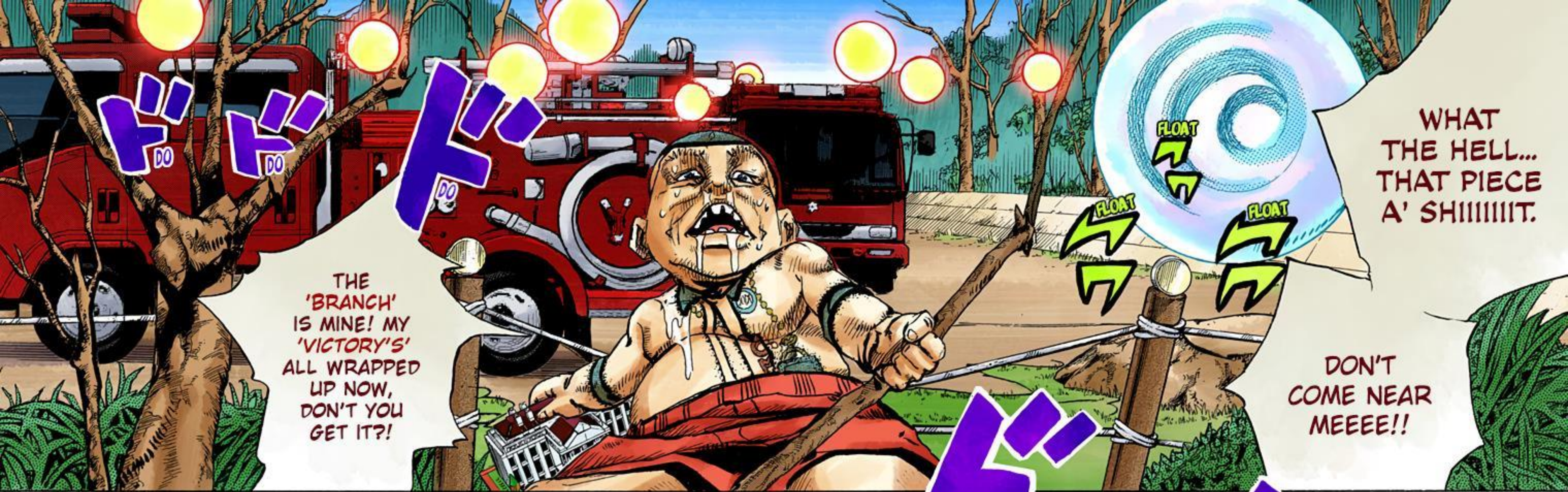
**TRANSLATION: HI WA MATA NOBORU**





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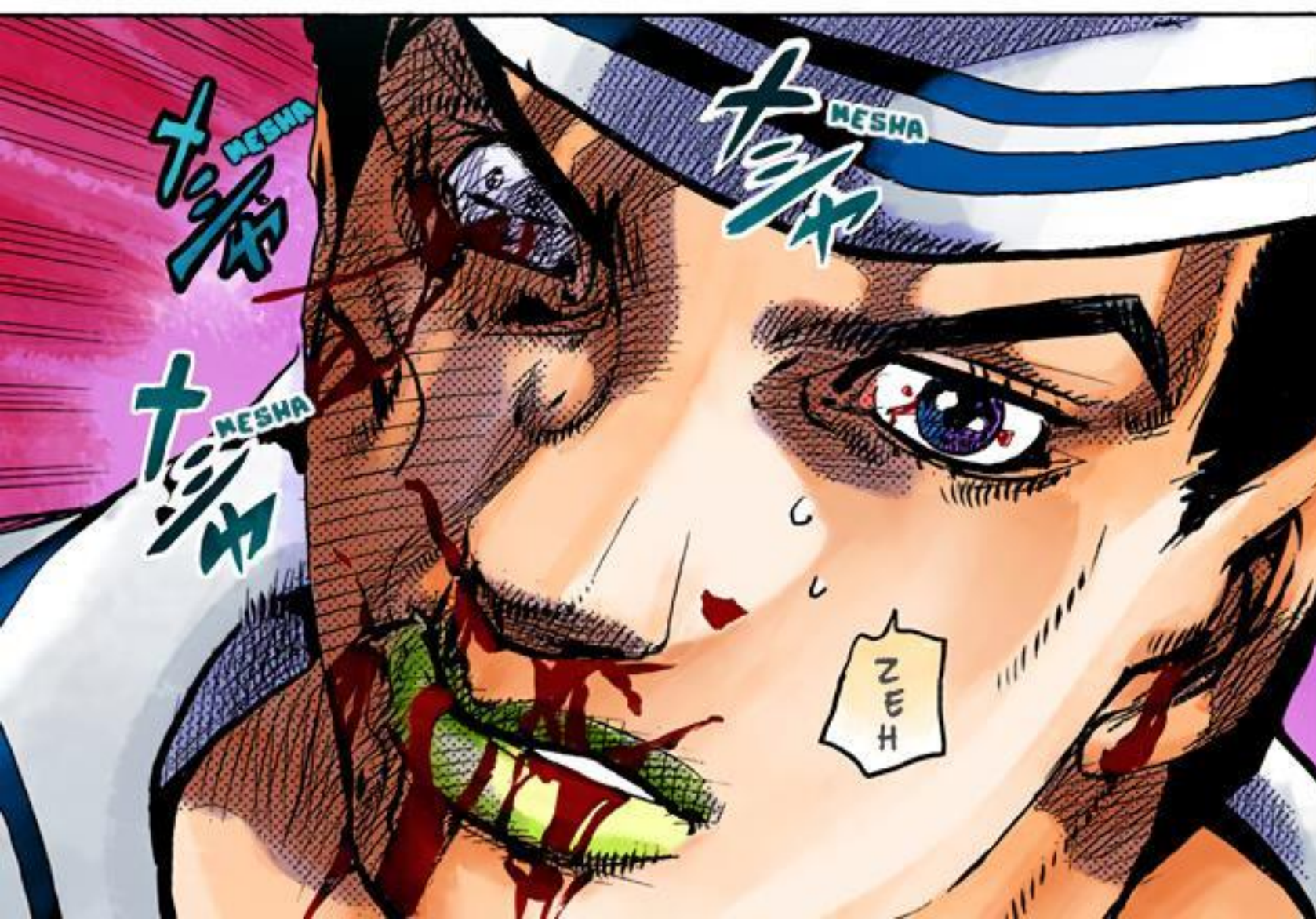




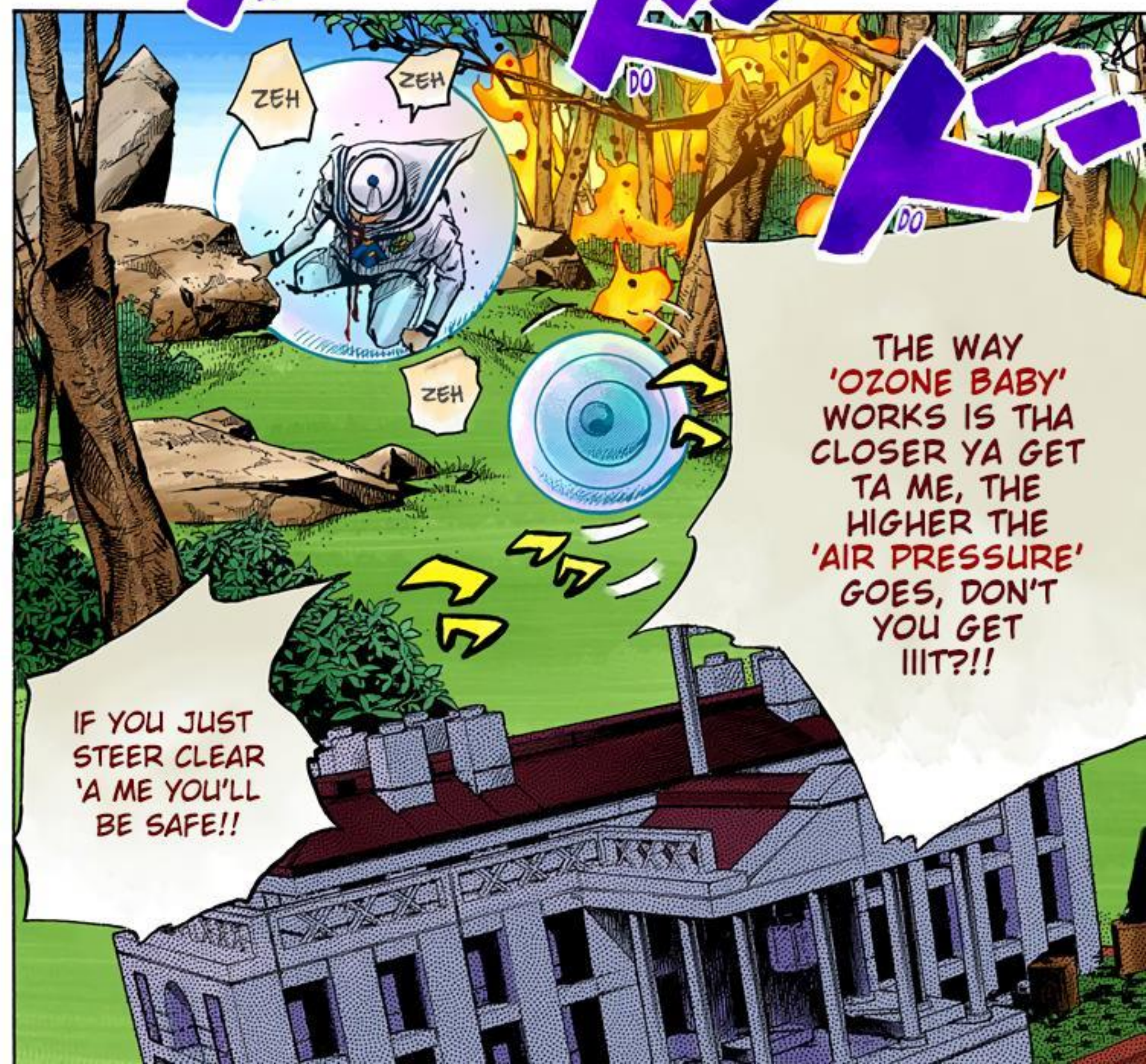
THE  
'BRANCH'  
IS MINE! MY  
'VICTORY'S'  
ALL WRAPPED  
UP NOW,  
DON'T YOU  
GET IT?!

DON'T  
COME NEAR  
MEEEE!!

WHAT  
THE HELL...  
THAT PIECE  
A' SHIIIIIT.



STAY  
AWAA-  
AAAY!



THE WAY  
'OZONE BABY'  
WORKS IS THA  
CLOSER YA GET  
TA ME, THE  
HIGHER THE  
'AIR PRESSURE'  
GOES, DON'T  
YOU GET  
IIIT?!!

IF YOU JUST  
STEER CLEAR  
'A ME YOU'LL  
BE SAFE!!





THERE'S  
AN AMBU-  
LANCE!

AND  
THERE'RE...

THE  
WINDOWS  
'A THE  
FIRE  
ENGINES  
ARE OPEN!

THREE  
OF 'EM!

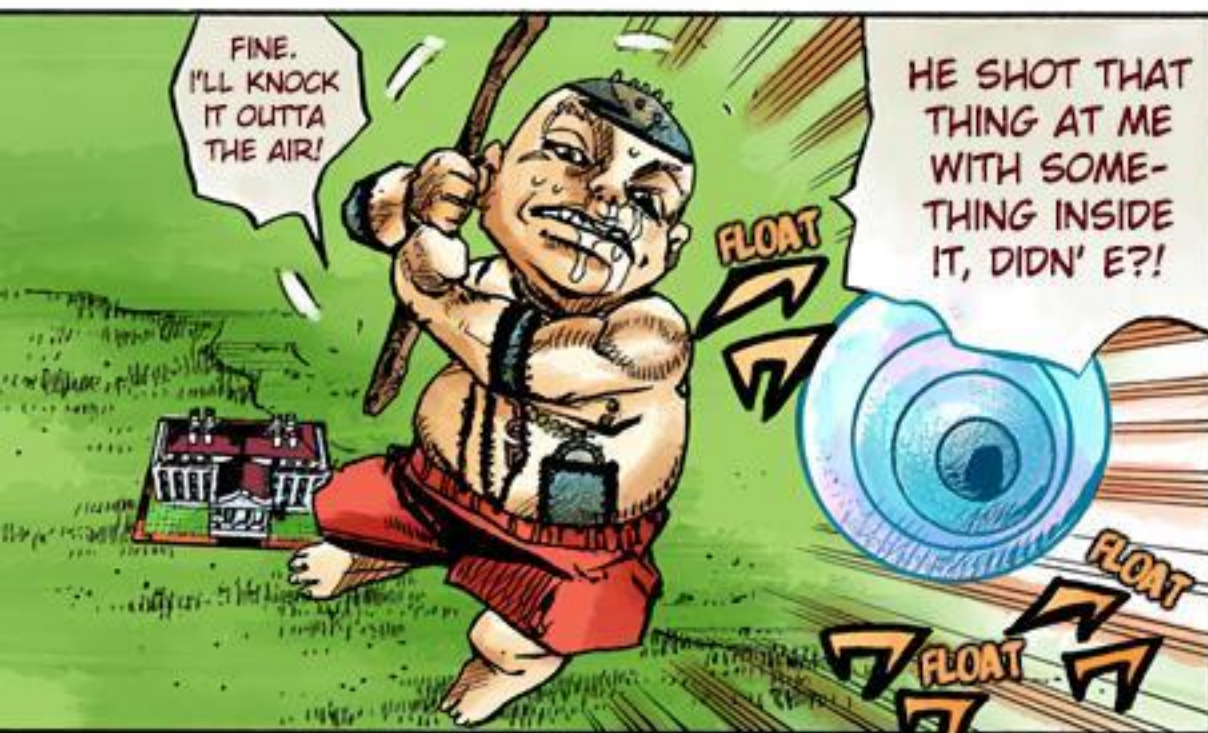


THAT  
AMBU-  
LANCE!

IS HEADED  
THIS WAY  
WITH ITS  
WINDOWS  
CLOSED!

DAMMIT!

ONE  
AMBU-  
LANCE!

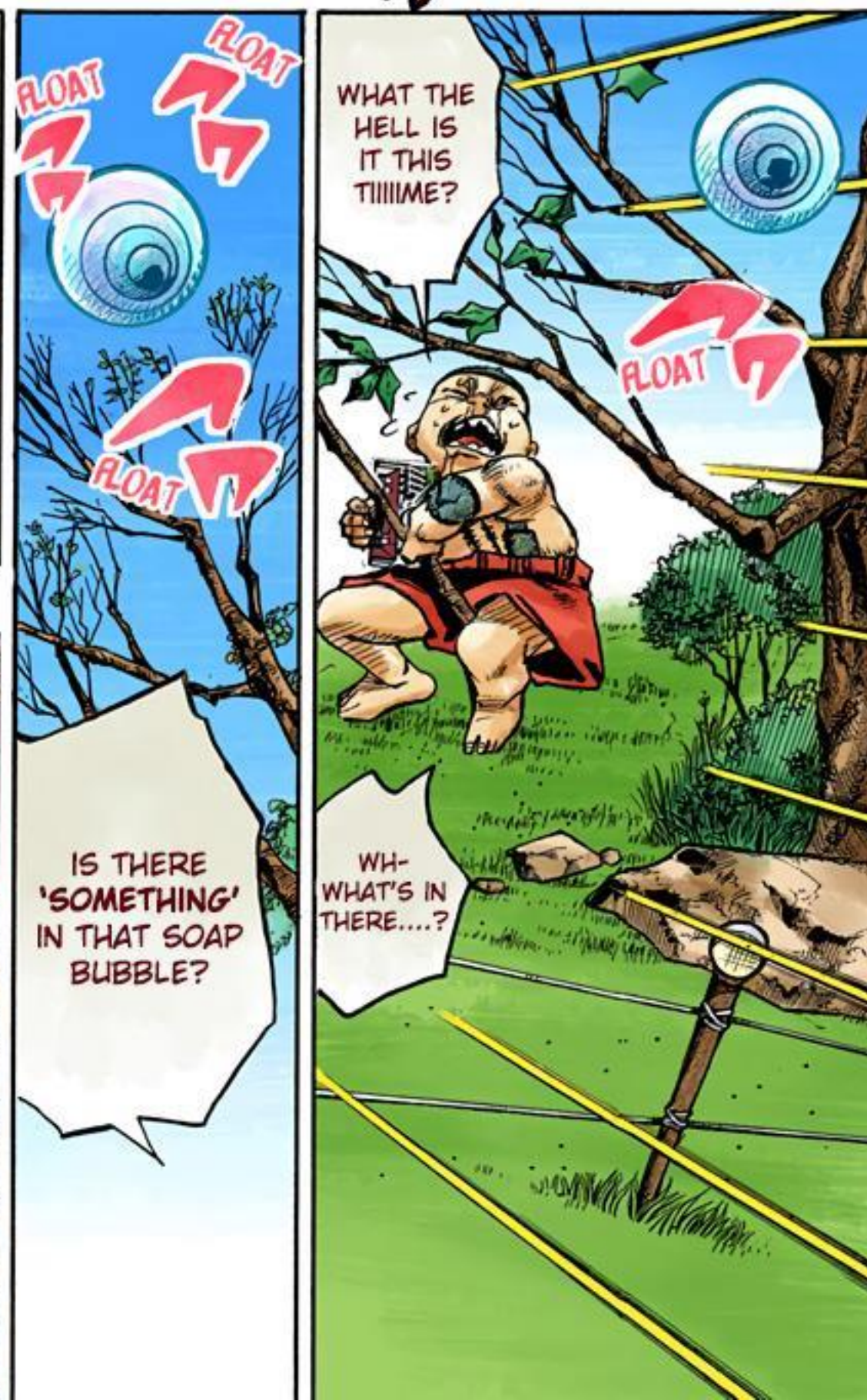


FINE.  
I'LL KNOCK  
IT OUTTA  
THE AIR!

HE SHOT THAT  
THING AT ME  
WITH SOME-  
THING INSIDE  
IT, DIDN' E?!



HUH?!



WHAT THE  
HELL IS  
IT THIS  
TIME?

IS THERE  
'SOMETHING'  
IN THAT SOAP  
BUBBLE?

WH-  
WHAT'S IN  
THERE...?



MEGIN

MESHAN

FLOAT

FLOAT

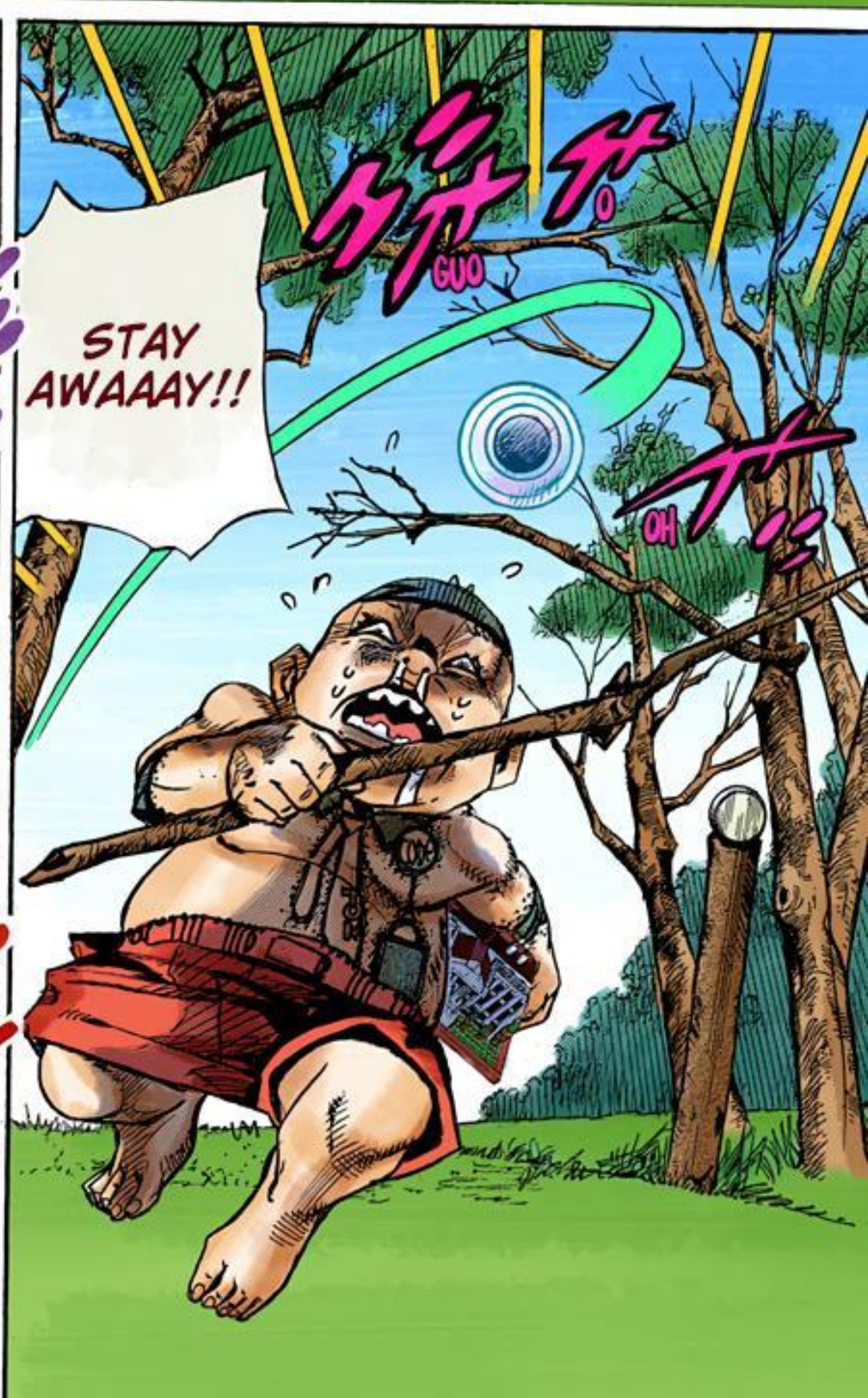
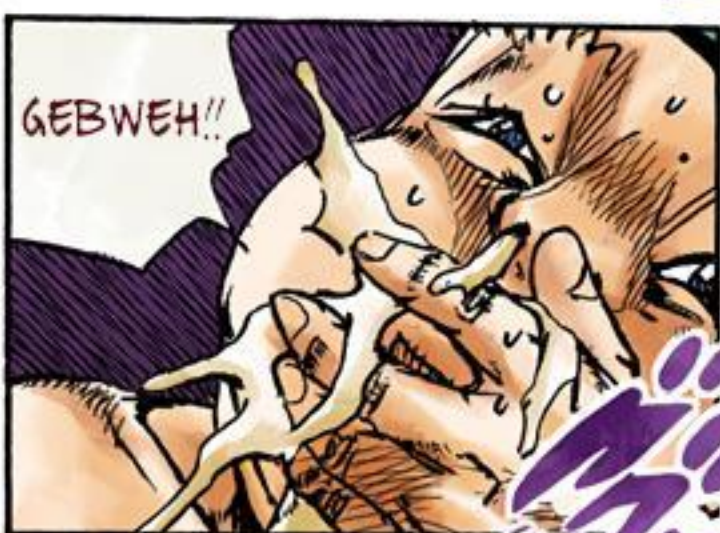
FLOAT

JOSLUKE  
YOU FRIGGIN'  
BASTAAAAARD!  
JUST GO  
THE HELL TA  
SLEEEEEEPP!!

TOURN

HIB







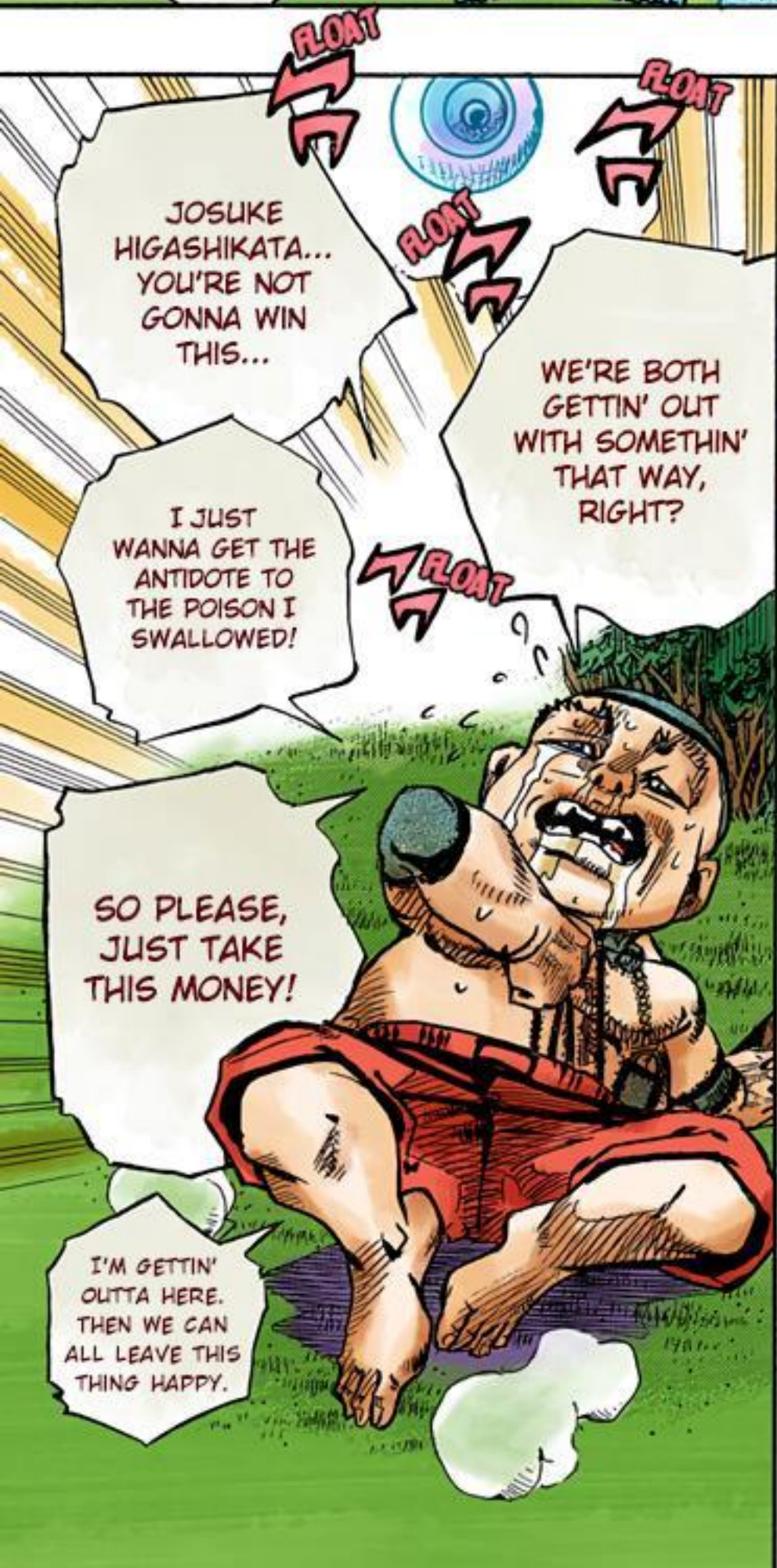


JUST...  
FORGET ABOUT  
THIS 'LOCACACA  
BRANCH'. YOU'RE  
NEVER GONNA  
GET IT BACK  
GODDAMMIT!!

I...

I KNOW...  
I'LL... GIVE  
YOU SOME  
MONEY...

WOULD YOU  
JUST STOP  
FOLLOWING  
ME ALREADY?!!  
I REALLY GOTTA  
GET TA THE  
HOSPITAL...



JOSUKE  
HIGASHIKATA...  
YOU'RE NOT  
GONNA WIN  
THIS...

I JUST  
WANNA GET THE  
ANTIDOTE TO  
THE POISON I  
SWALLOWED!

SO PLEASE,  
JUST TAKE  
THIS MONEY!

I'M GETTIN'  
OUTTA HERE.  
THEN WE CAN  
ALL LEAVE THIS  
THING HAPPY.

WE'RE BOTH  
GETTIN' OUT  
WITH SOMETHIN'  
THAT WAY,  
RIGHT?

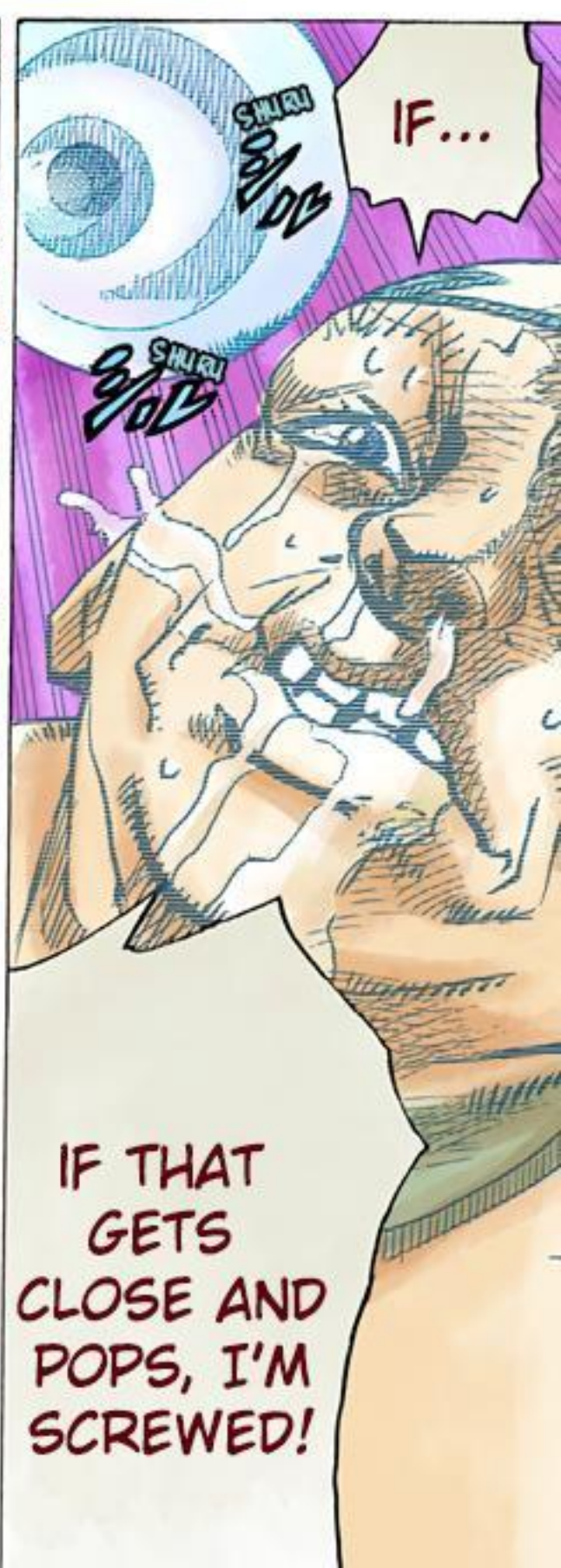
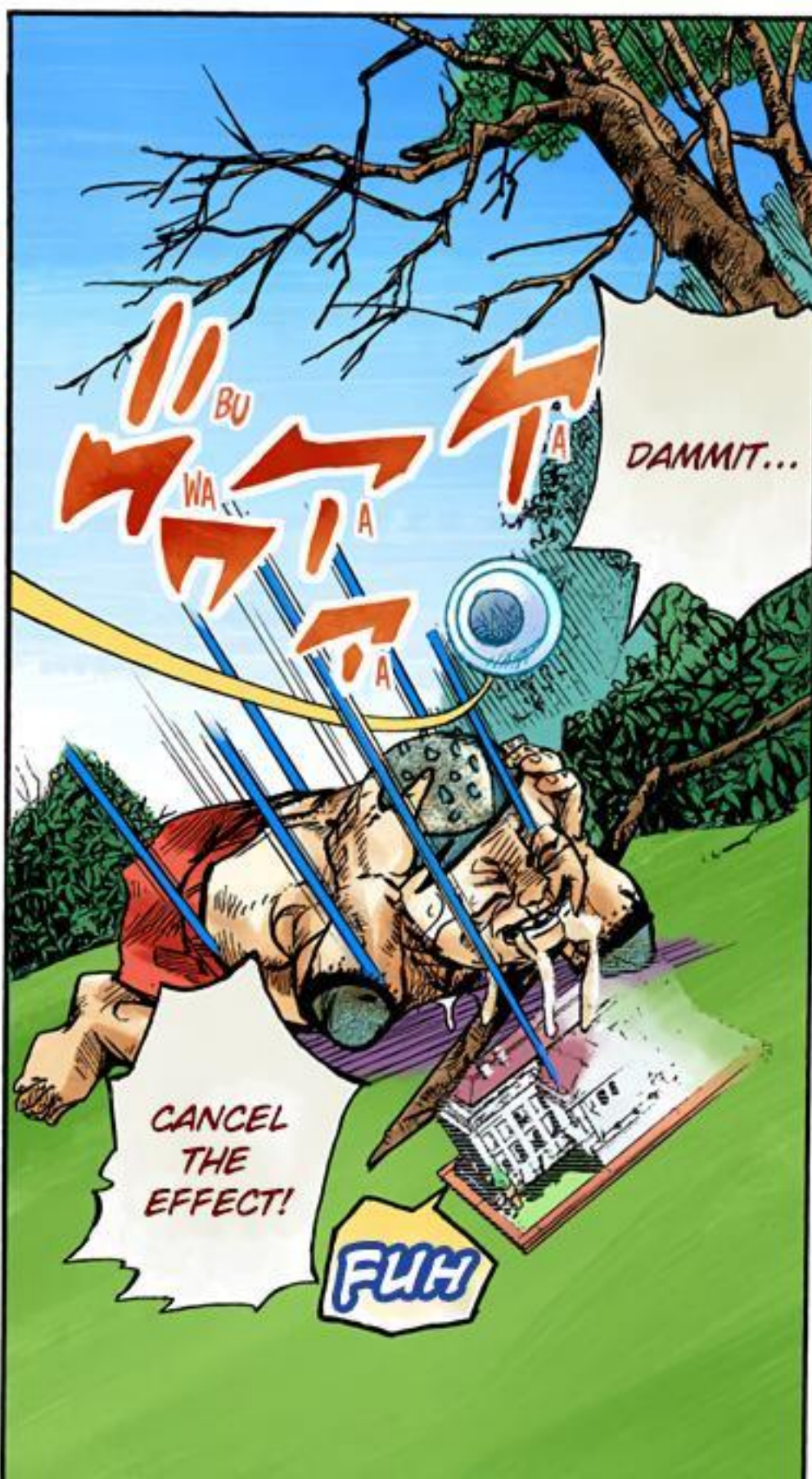
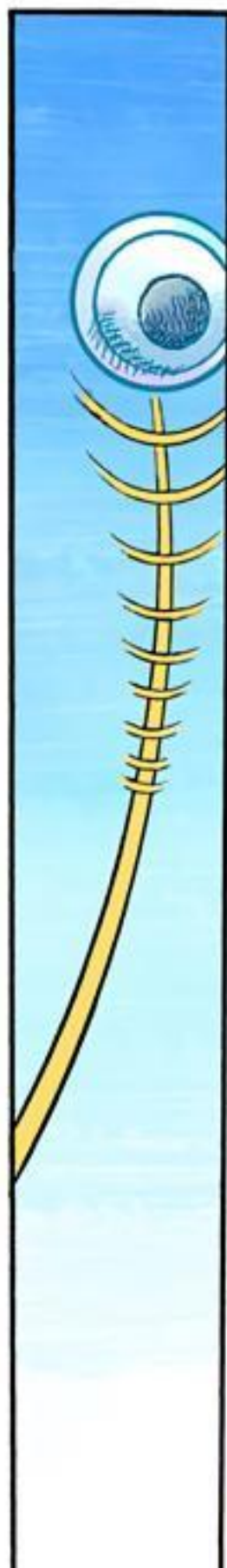


I'LL PAY YA,  
SO DON'T COME  
ANY CLOSER AND  
JUST GO TA  
SLEEP!



I'LL GIVE  
YA EVEN  
MORE MONEY  
LATER, SO  
PLEASE, JUST  
COOL IT!





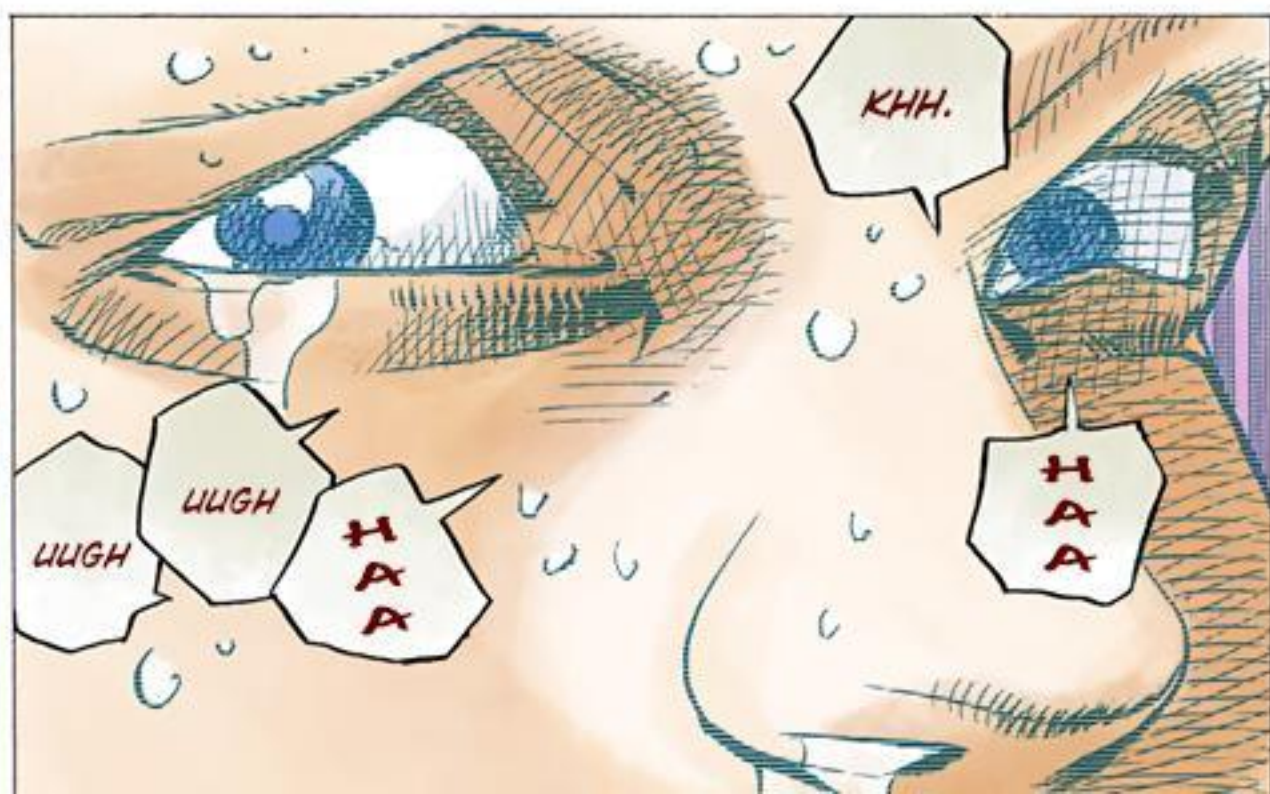
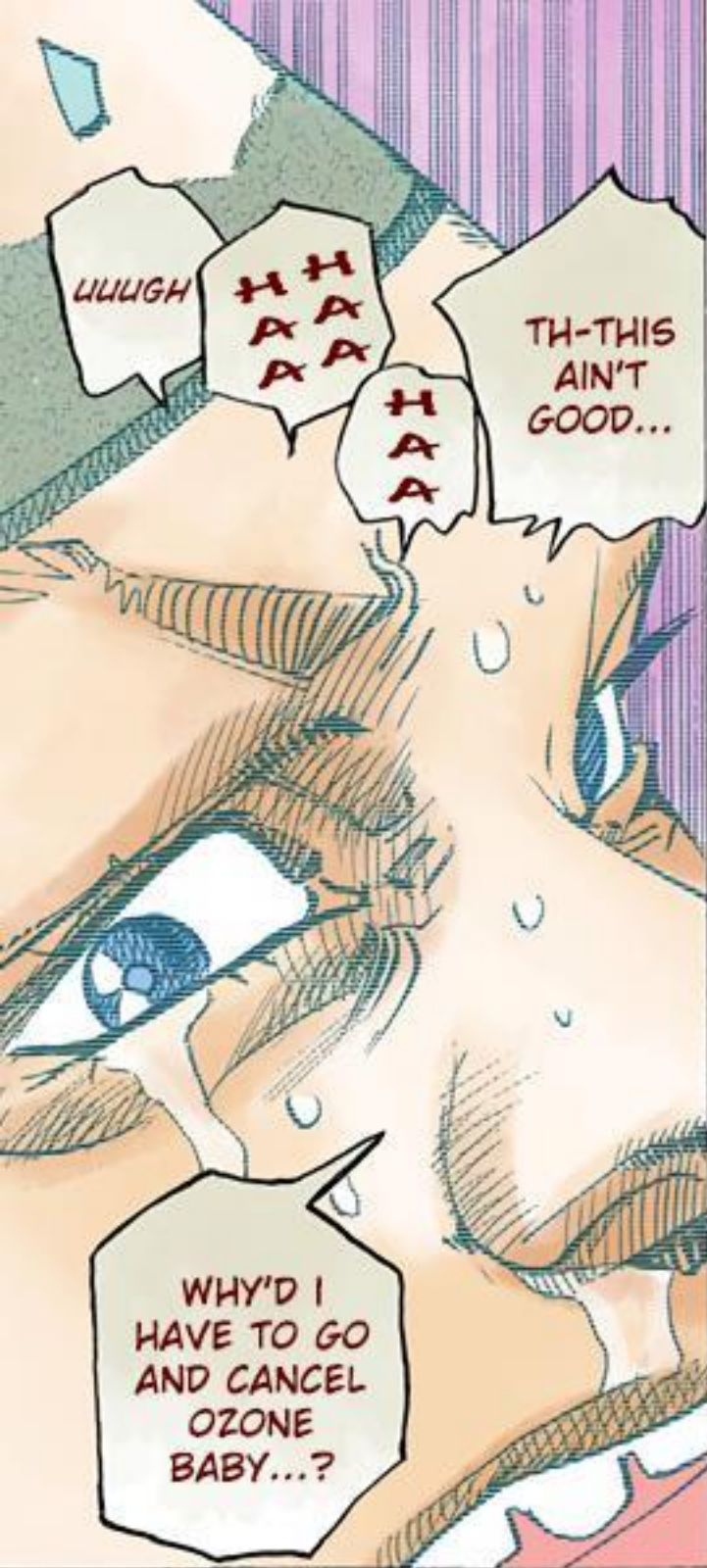




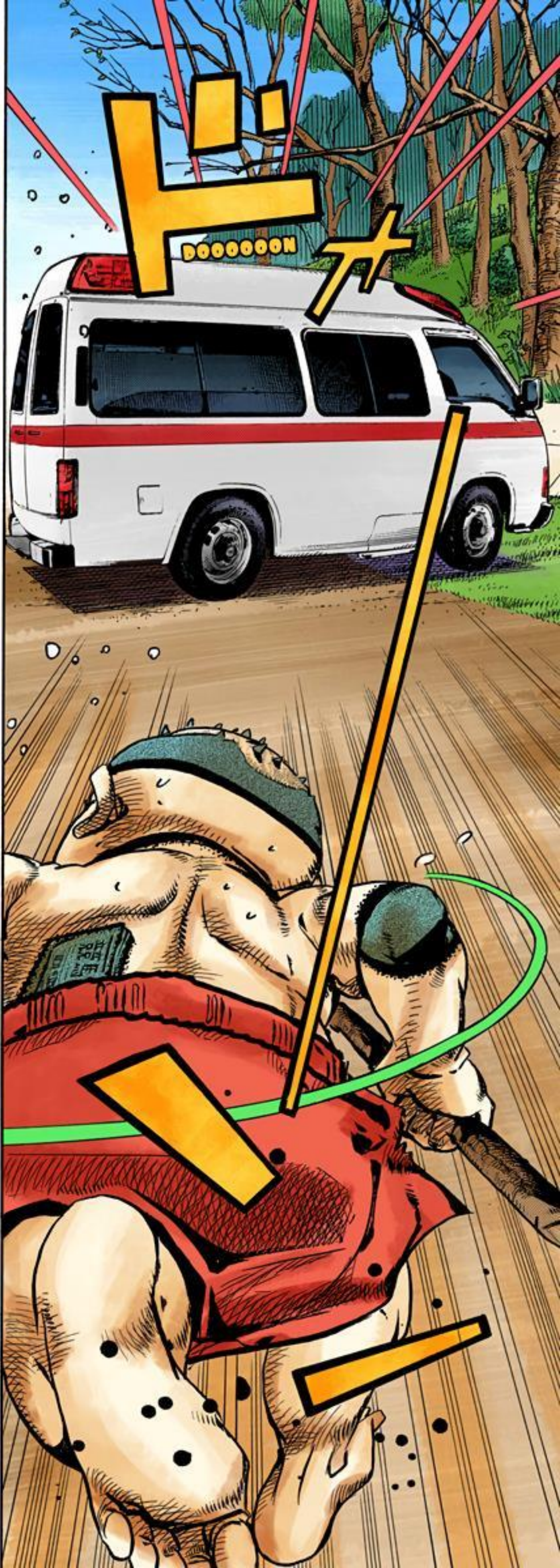




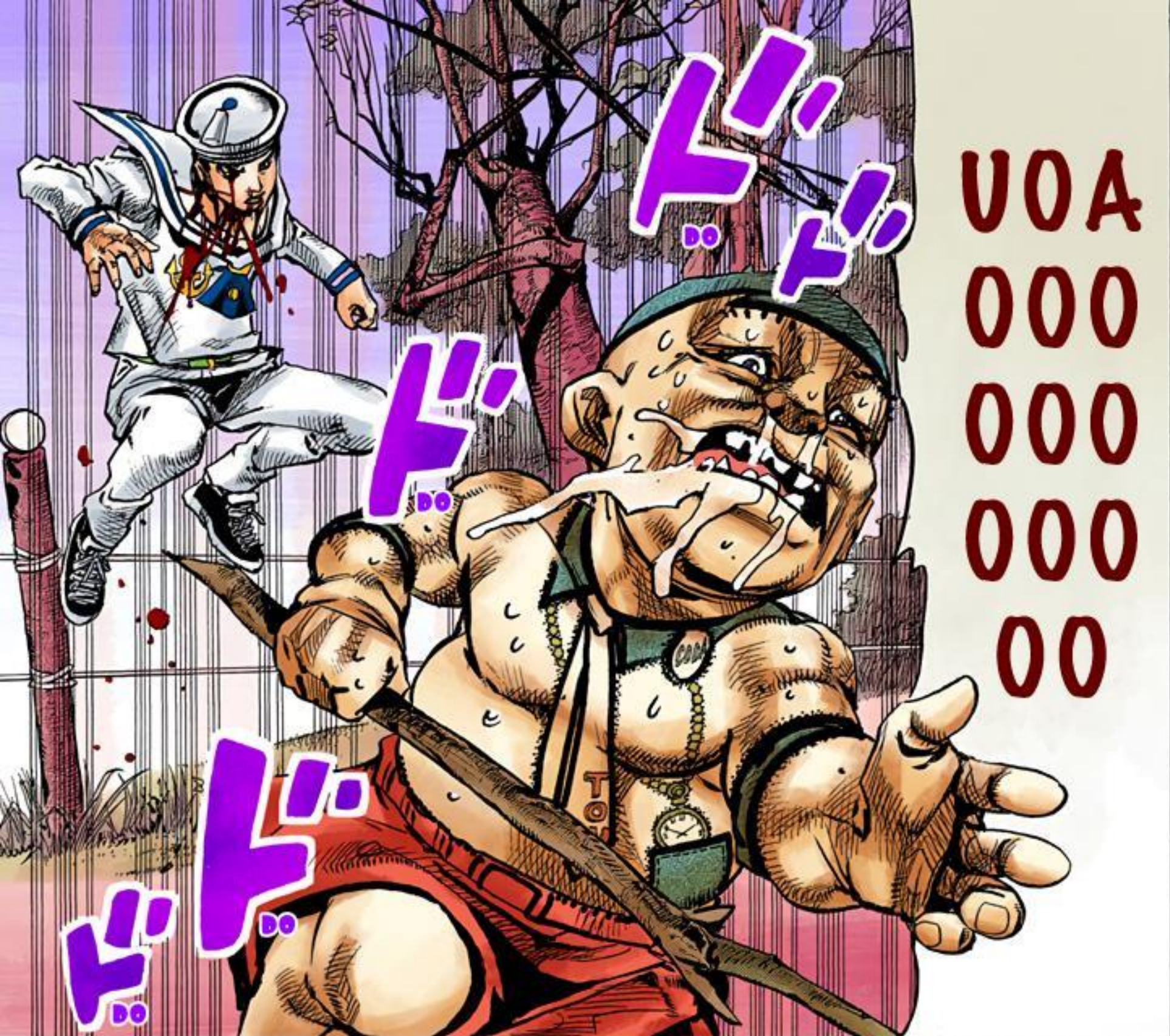




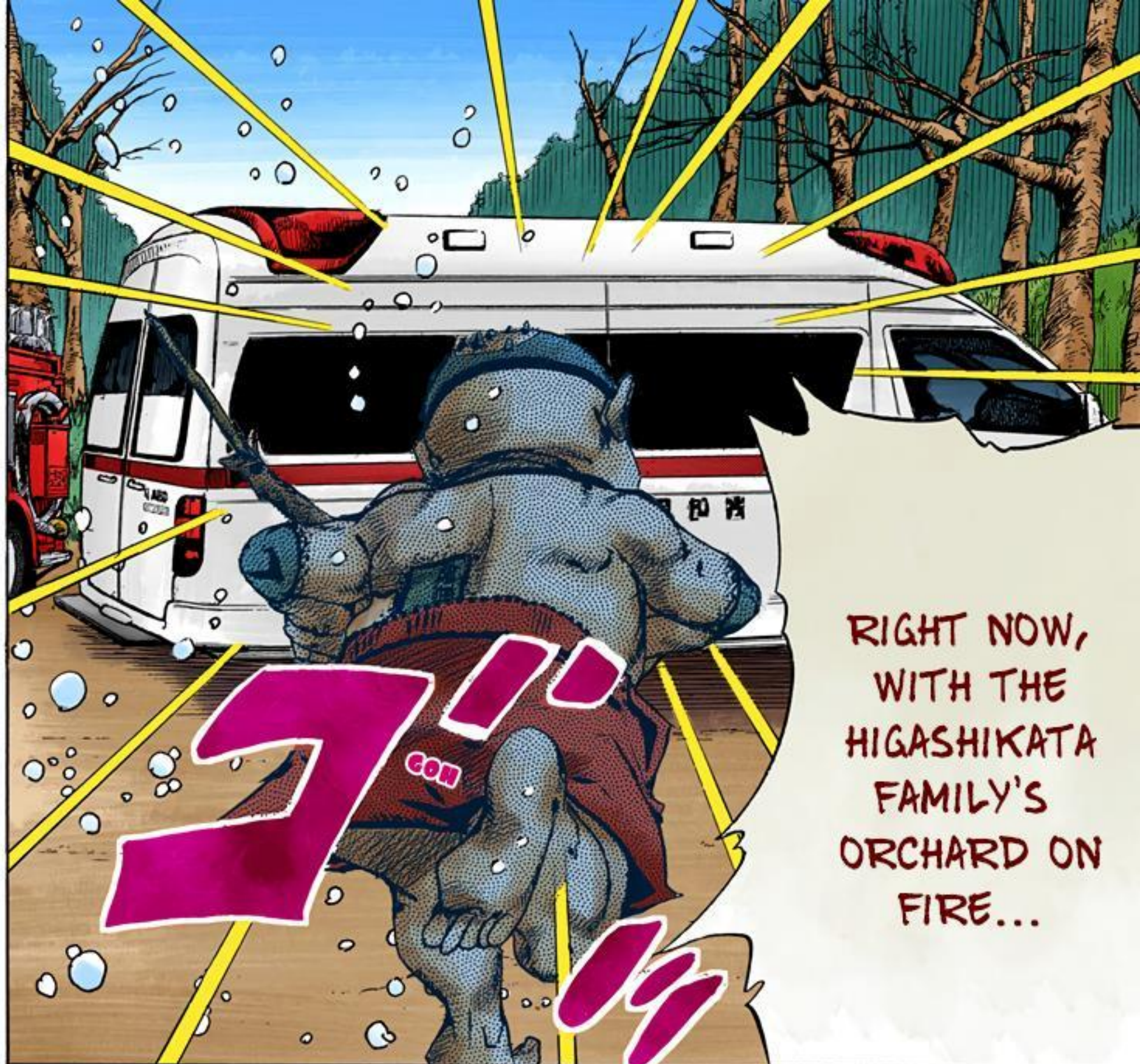




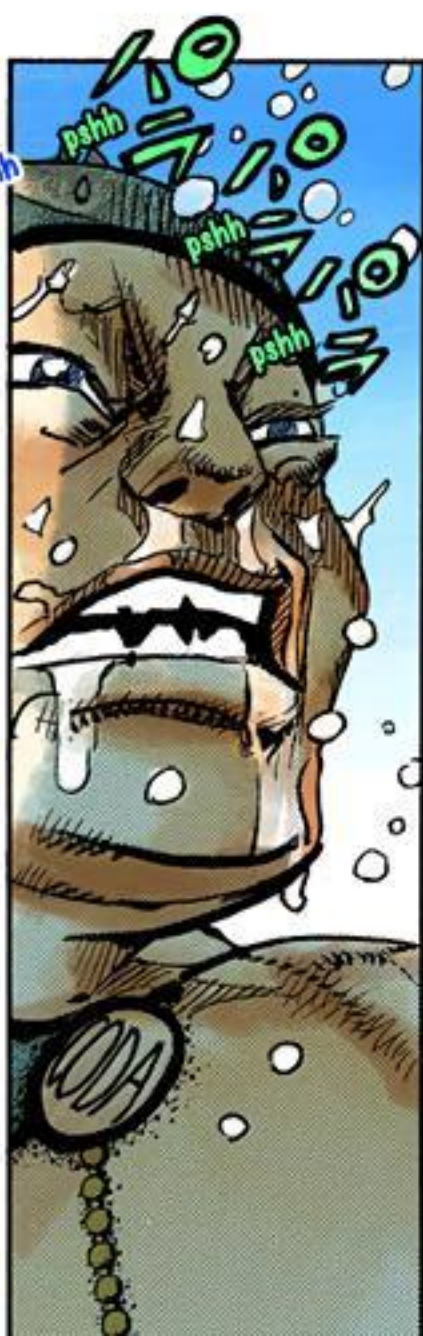






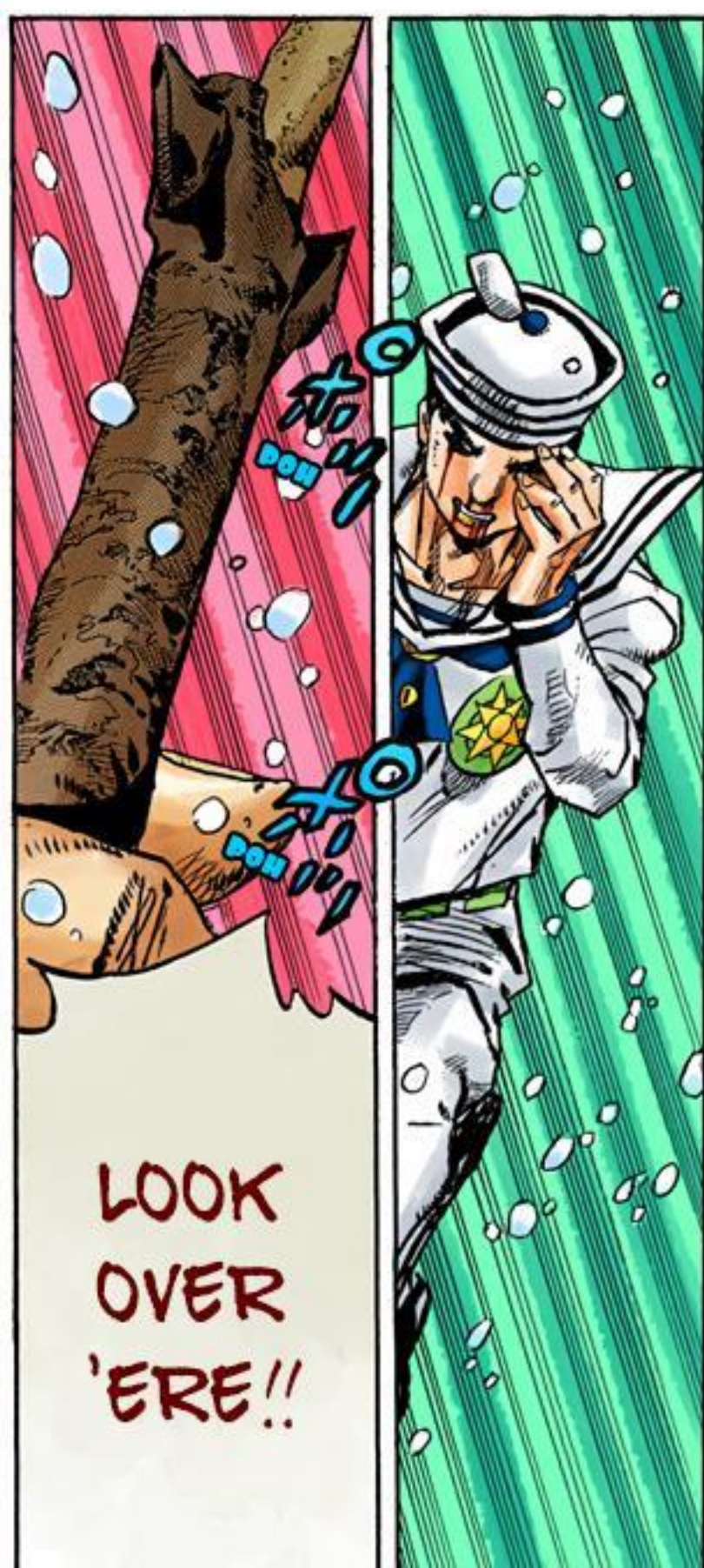
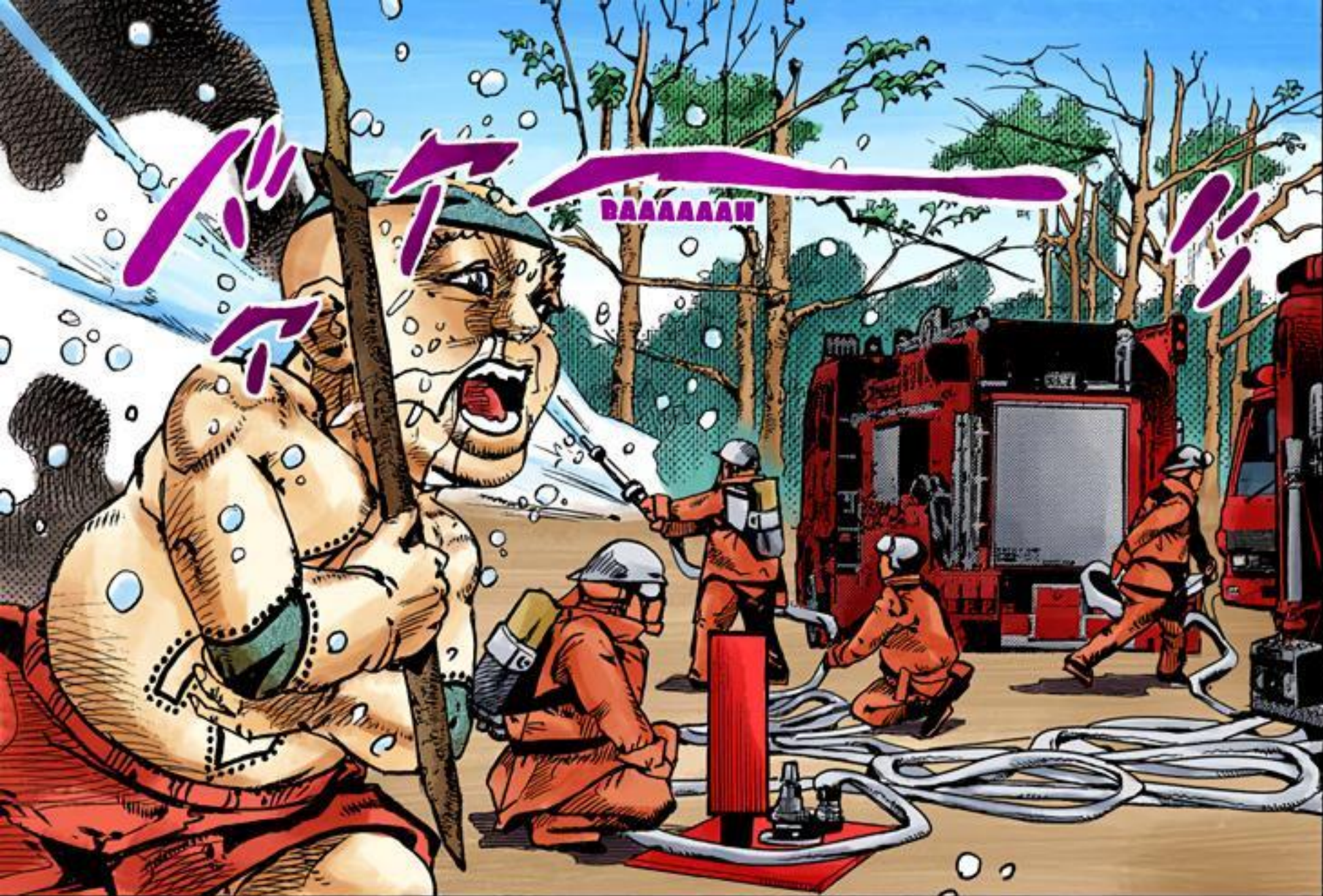


RIGHT NOW,  
WITH THE  
HIGASHIKATA  
FAMILY'S  
ORCHARD ON  
FIRE...

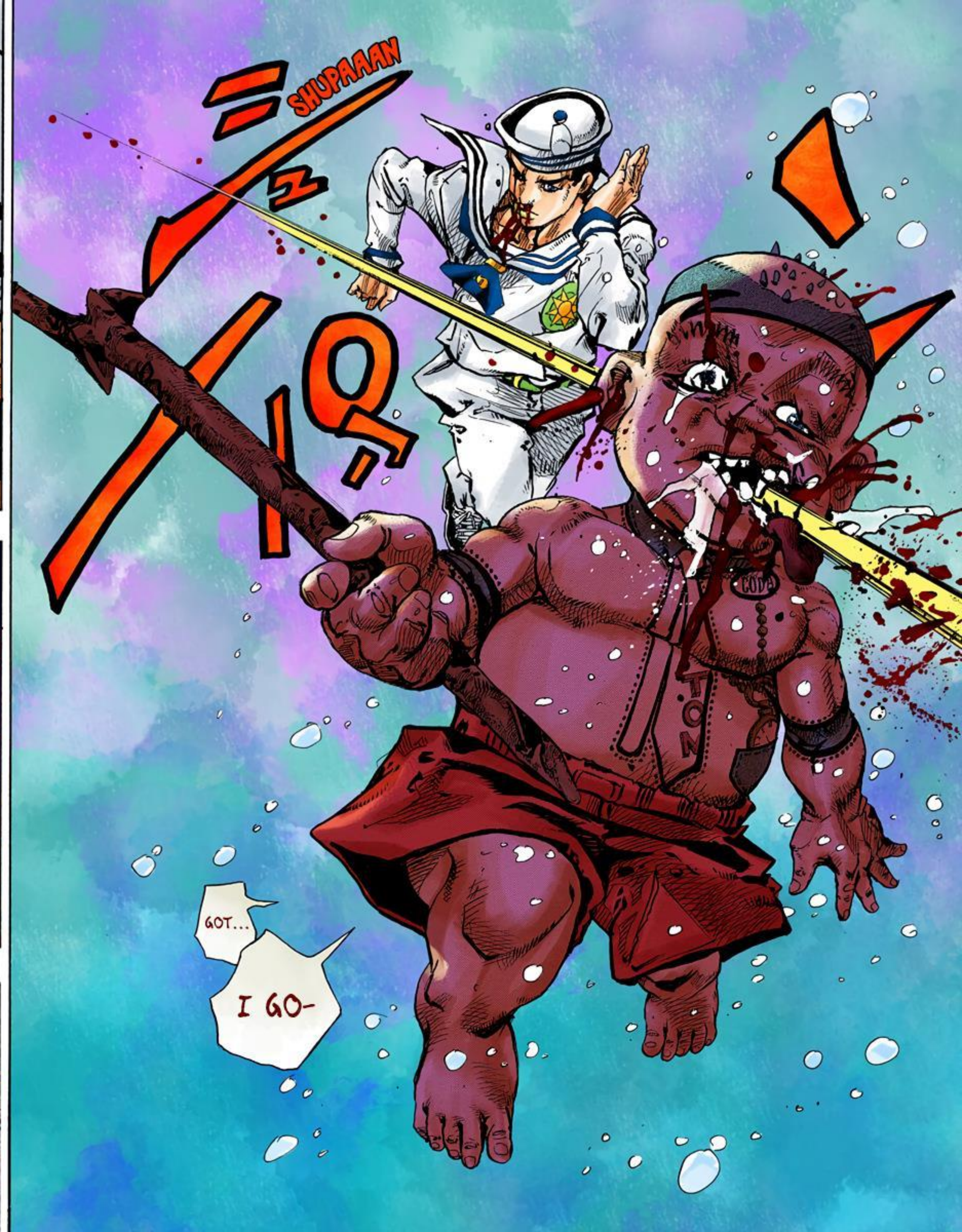


THAT  
PERSON  
SHOULD HAVE  
COME HERE  
FROM THE  
HOSPITAL  
TO GET  
ME!





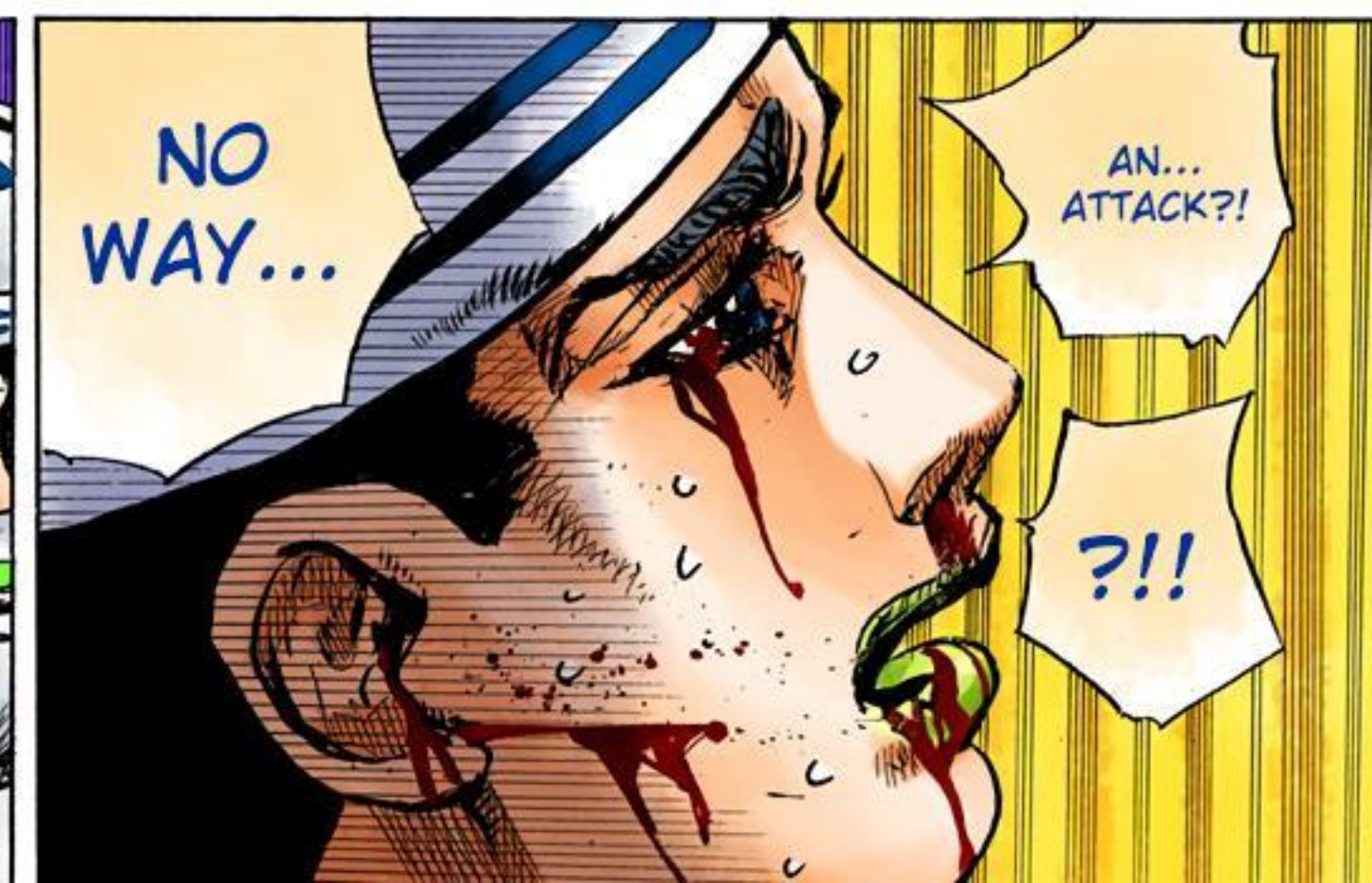
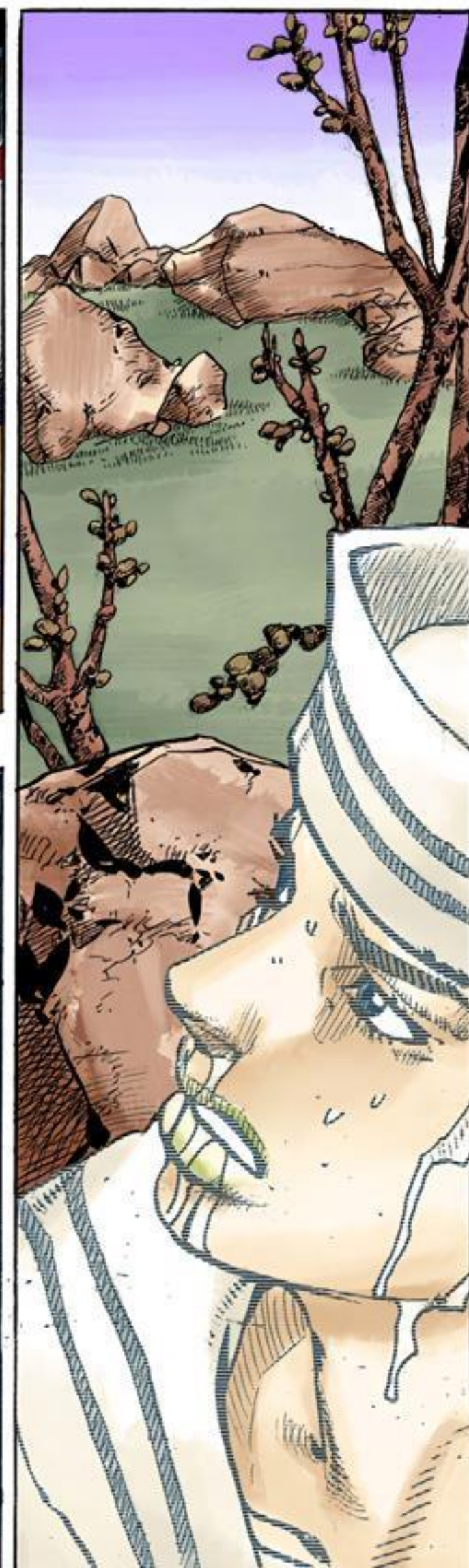
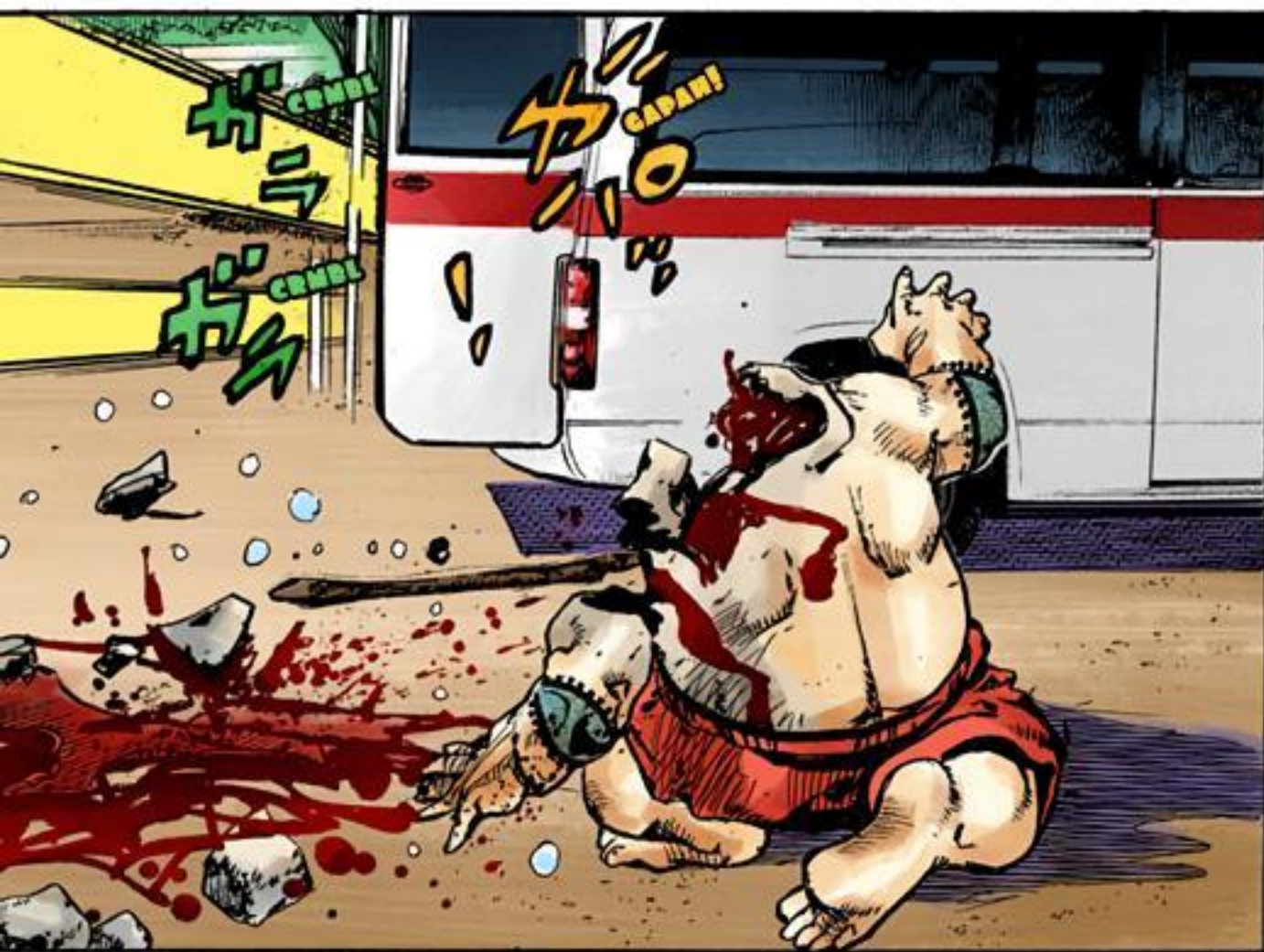




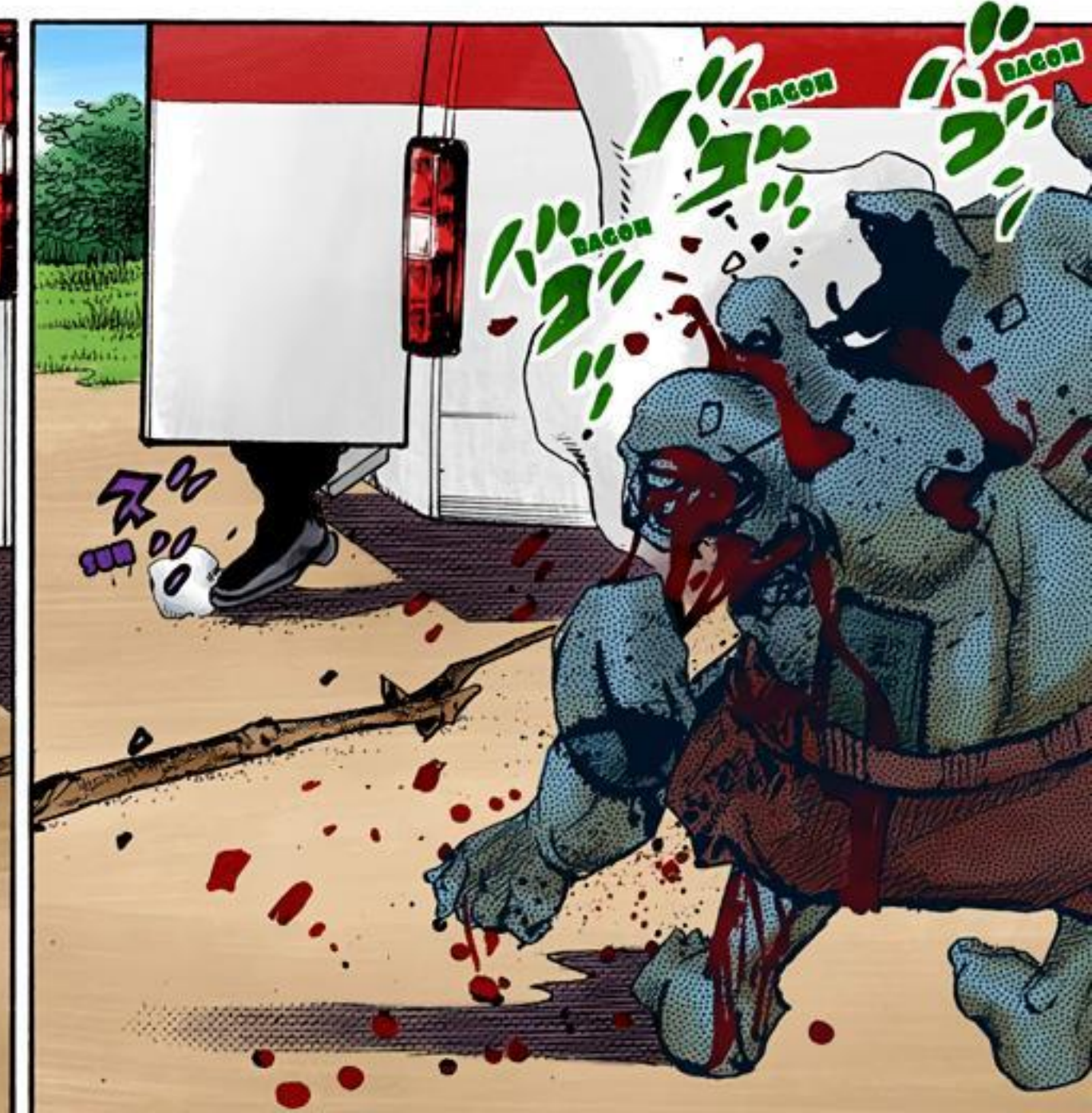
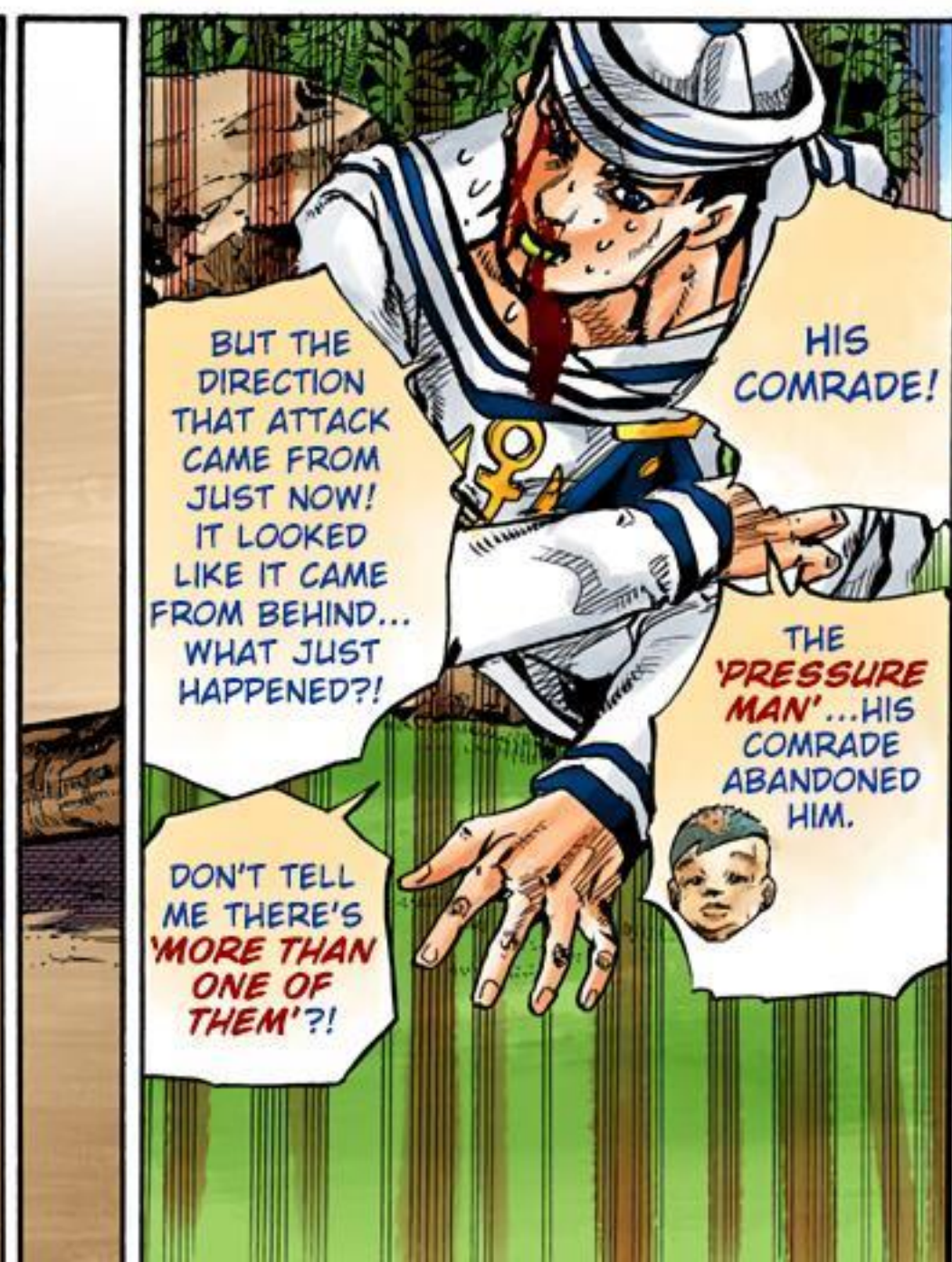
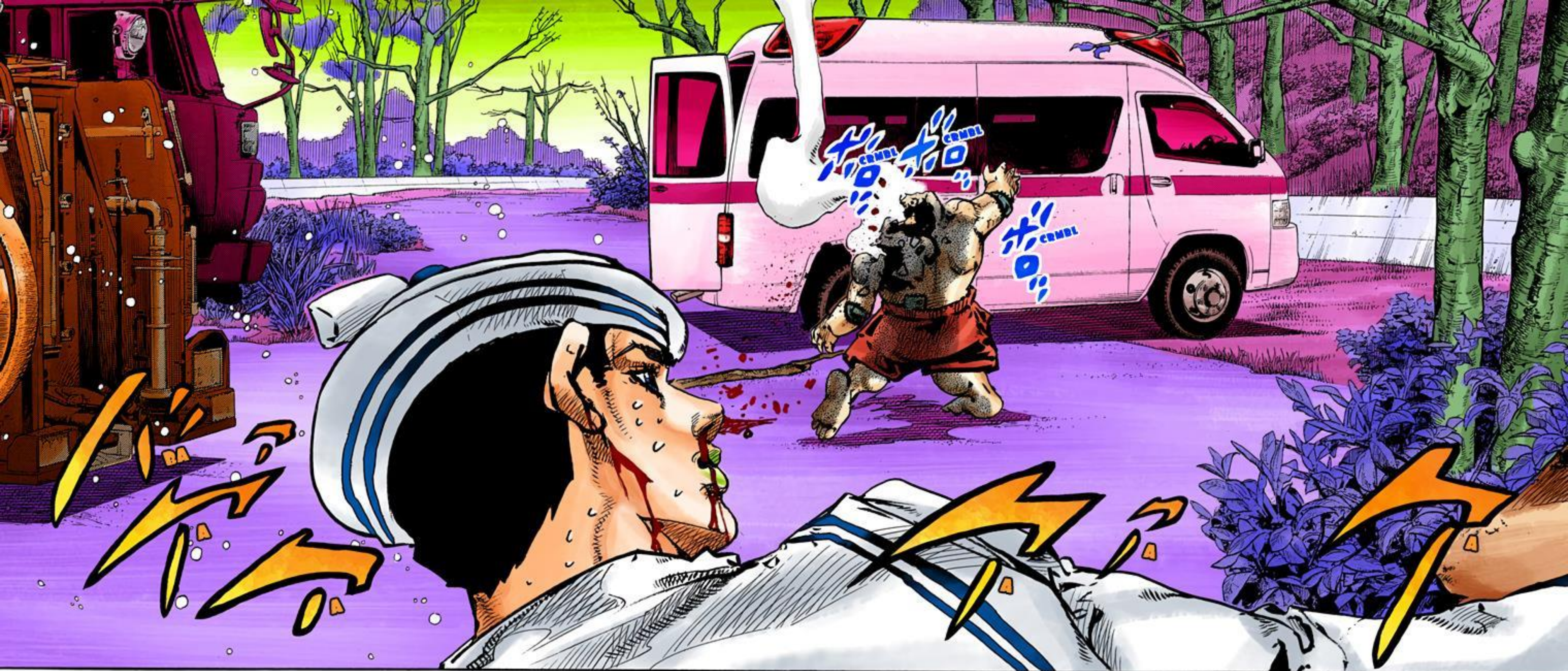








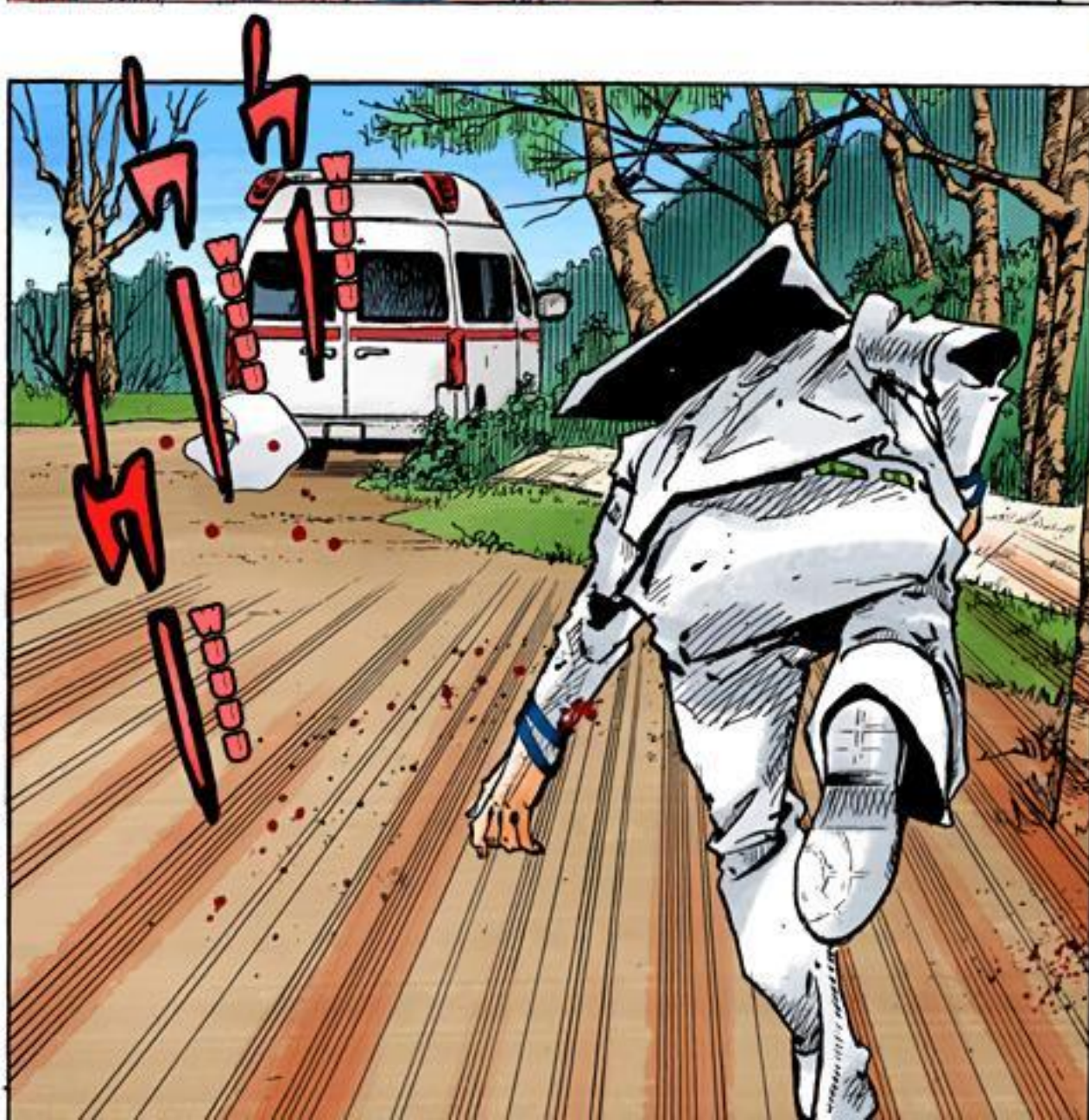




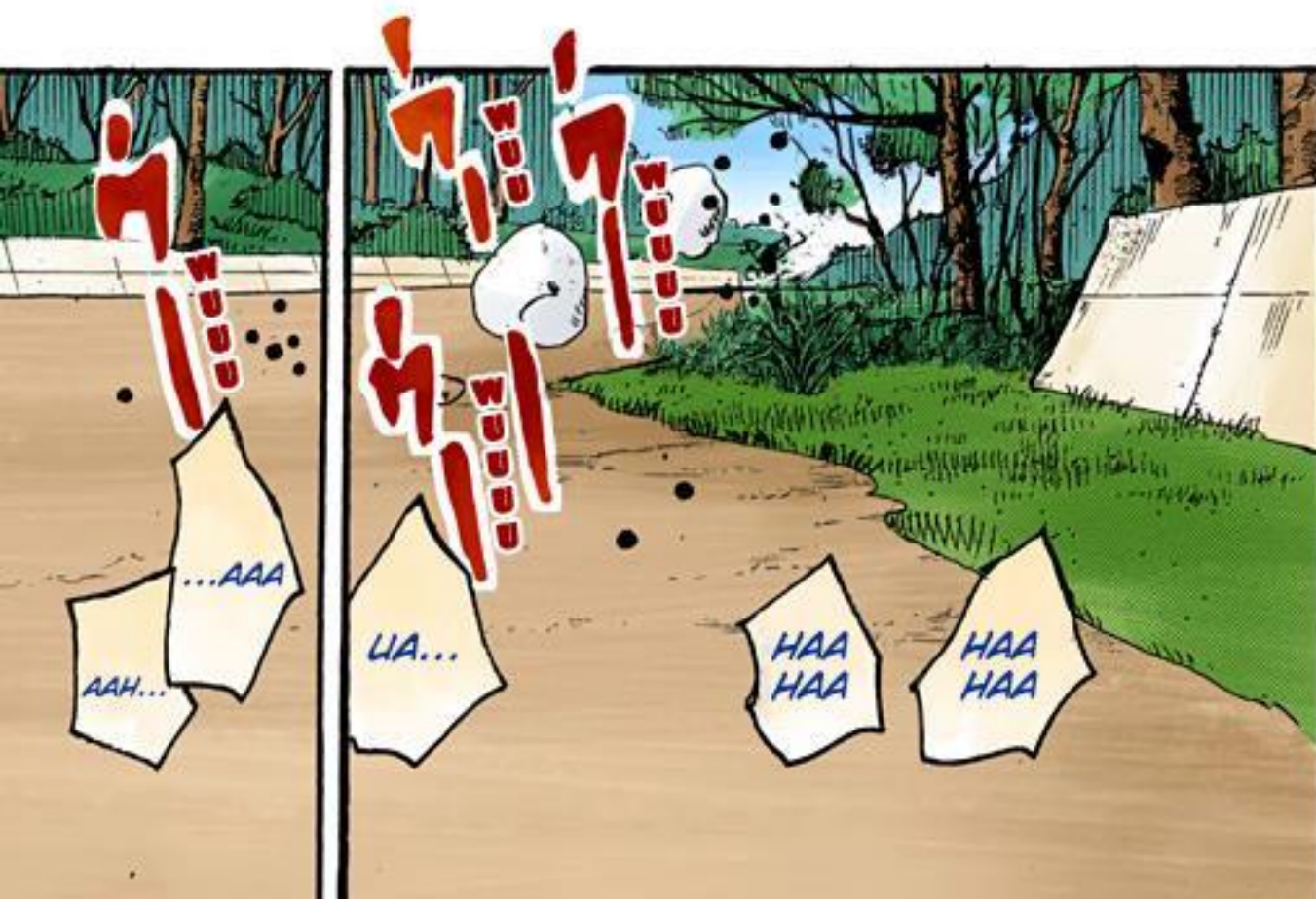
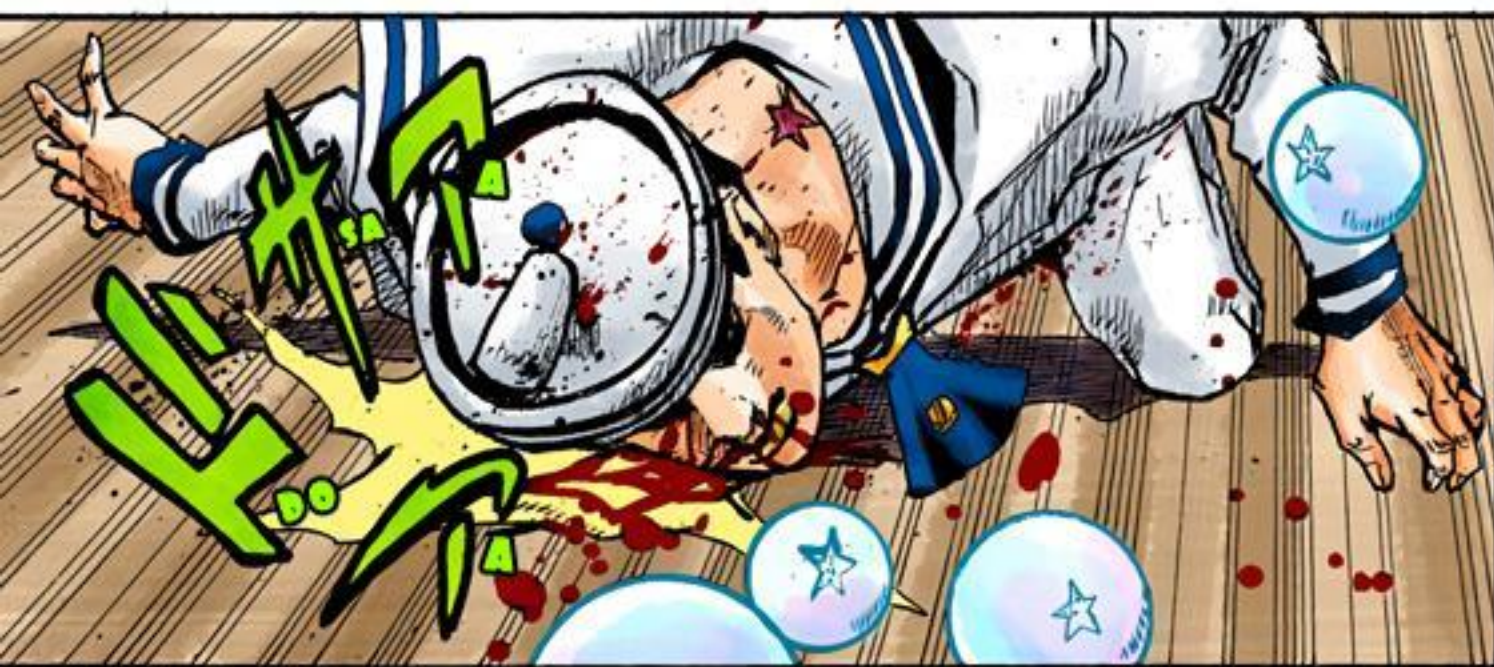




THEIR  
ONLY GOAL  
WAS THE  
'BRANCH'!







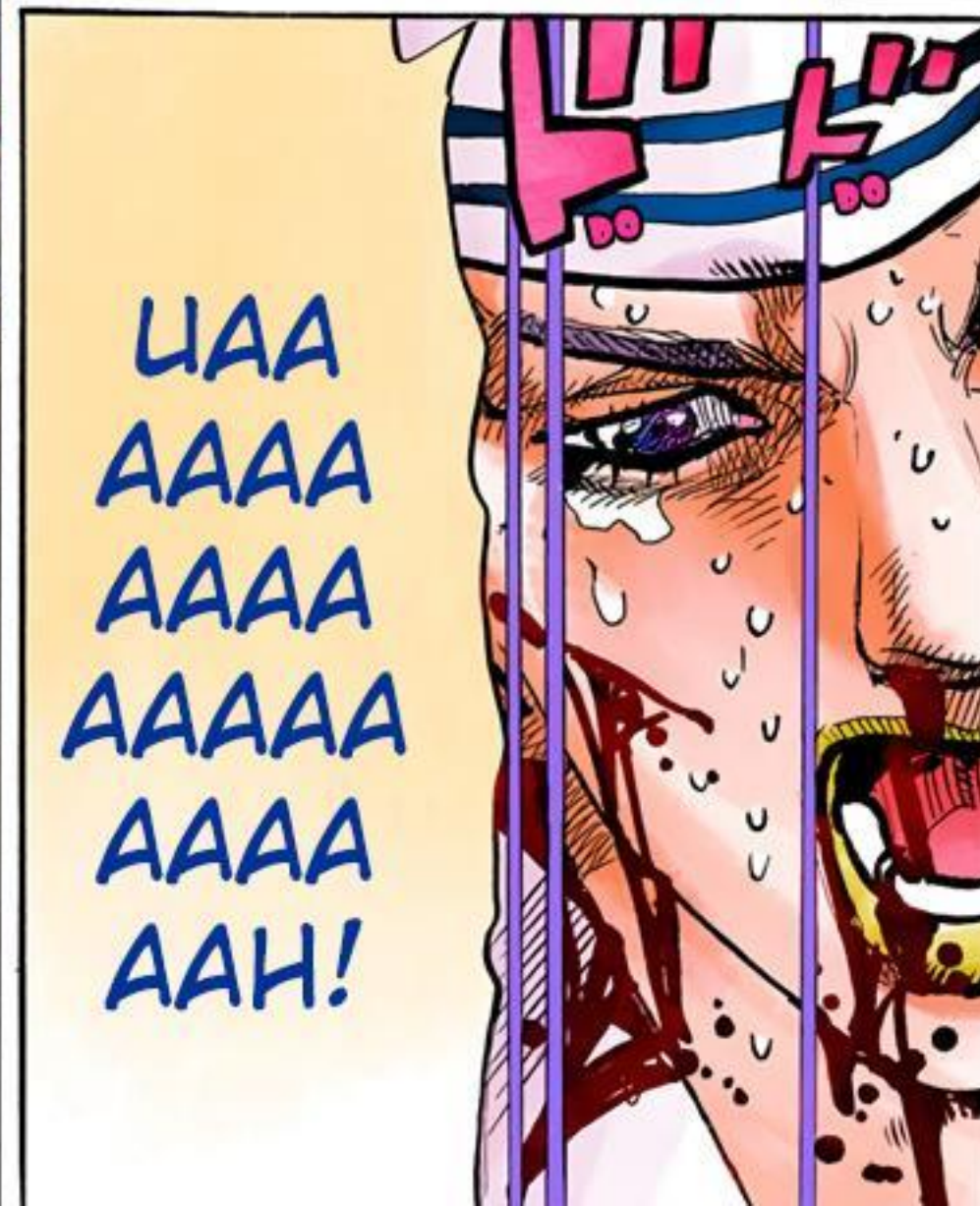




TH... THEY  
TOOK... THE  
LOCACACA  
'BRANCH'...



UAA  
AAAA  
AAAA  
AAA



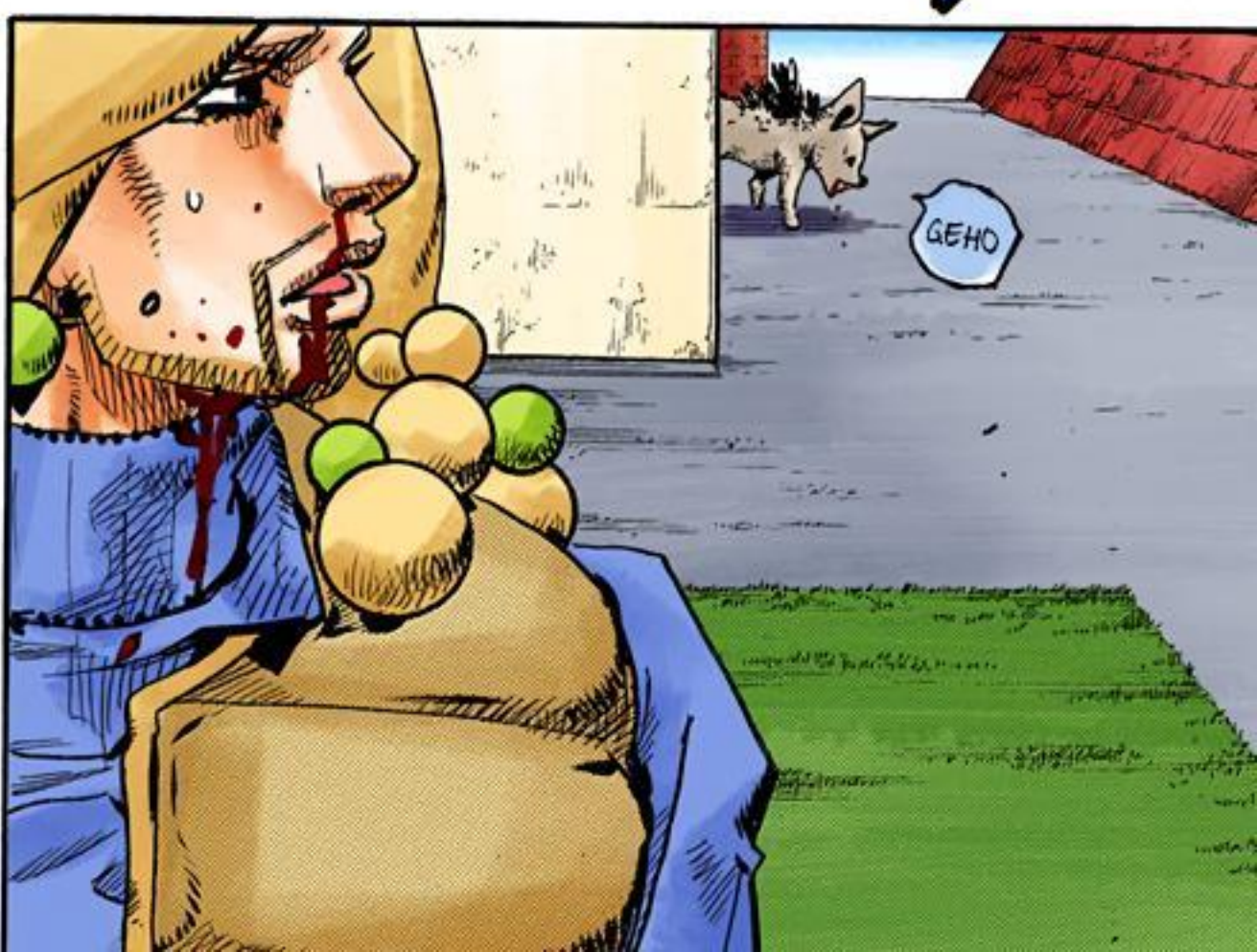
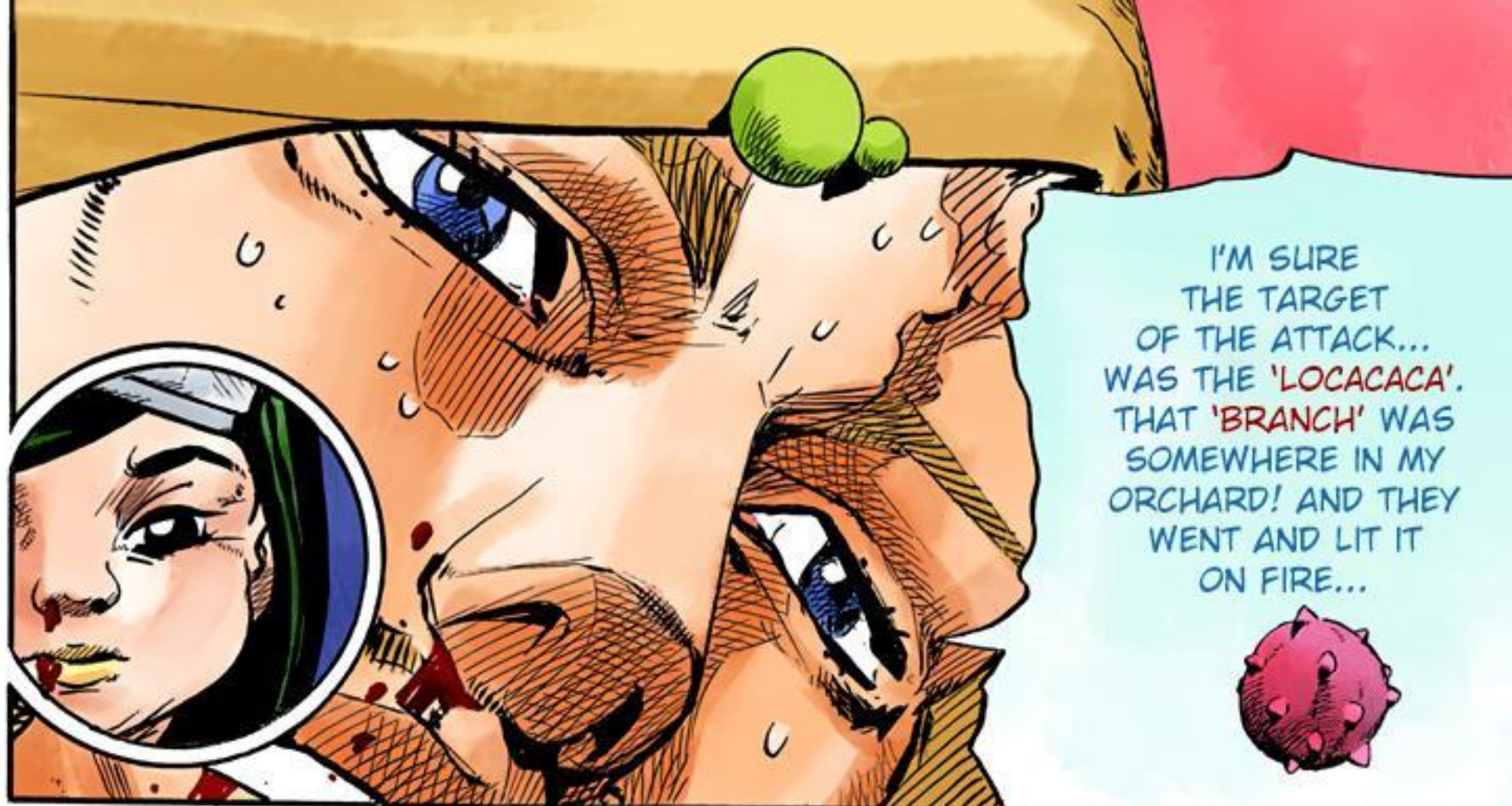
















WHEN  
THAT TIME  
COMES...  
I'LL HELP  
YOU... THERE'S  
NO REASON  
FOR YOU TO  
WORRY

I TOLD YOU  
BEFORE, RIGHT...?  
THERE'S NOTHING  
FOR YOU TO WORRY  
ABOUT...



ANYHOW,  
I'M GOING  
TO GO  
LOOK FOR  
JOBIN.

WHERE  
COULD HE  
BE...? MAYBE  
THE GARAGE?



IF THAT  
FRUIT  
GOT  
STOLEN  
...

THE  
'LOCACACA',

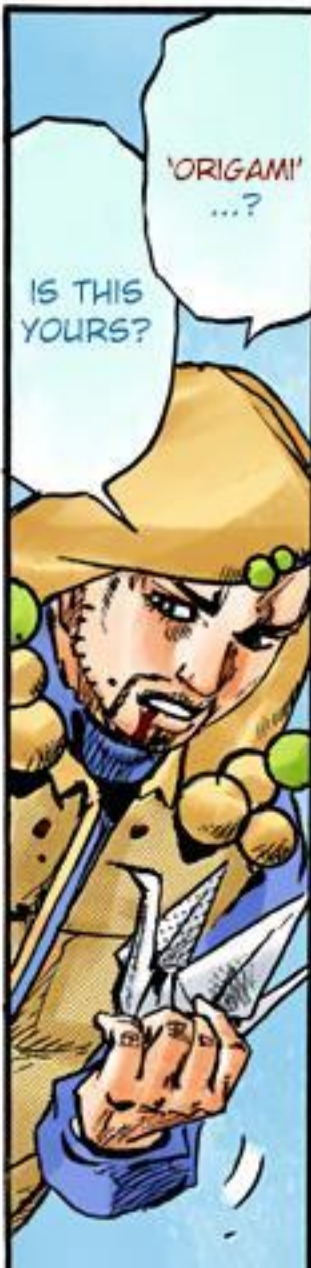
GRANDPA  
...

THEN DOES  
THAT MEAN THE  
HIGASHIKATA  
FAMILY LOST?  
...AND MY ILLNESS  
WON'T GET  
BETTER?



AND MAKE  
SURE YOU  
STEER CLEAR  
OF THAT  
FIRE.

TSURUGI,  
YOU SHOULD  
GO BACK  
INSIDE THE  
HOUSE.



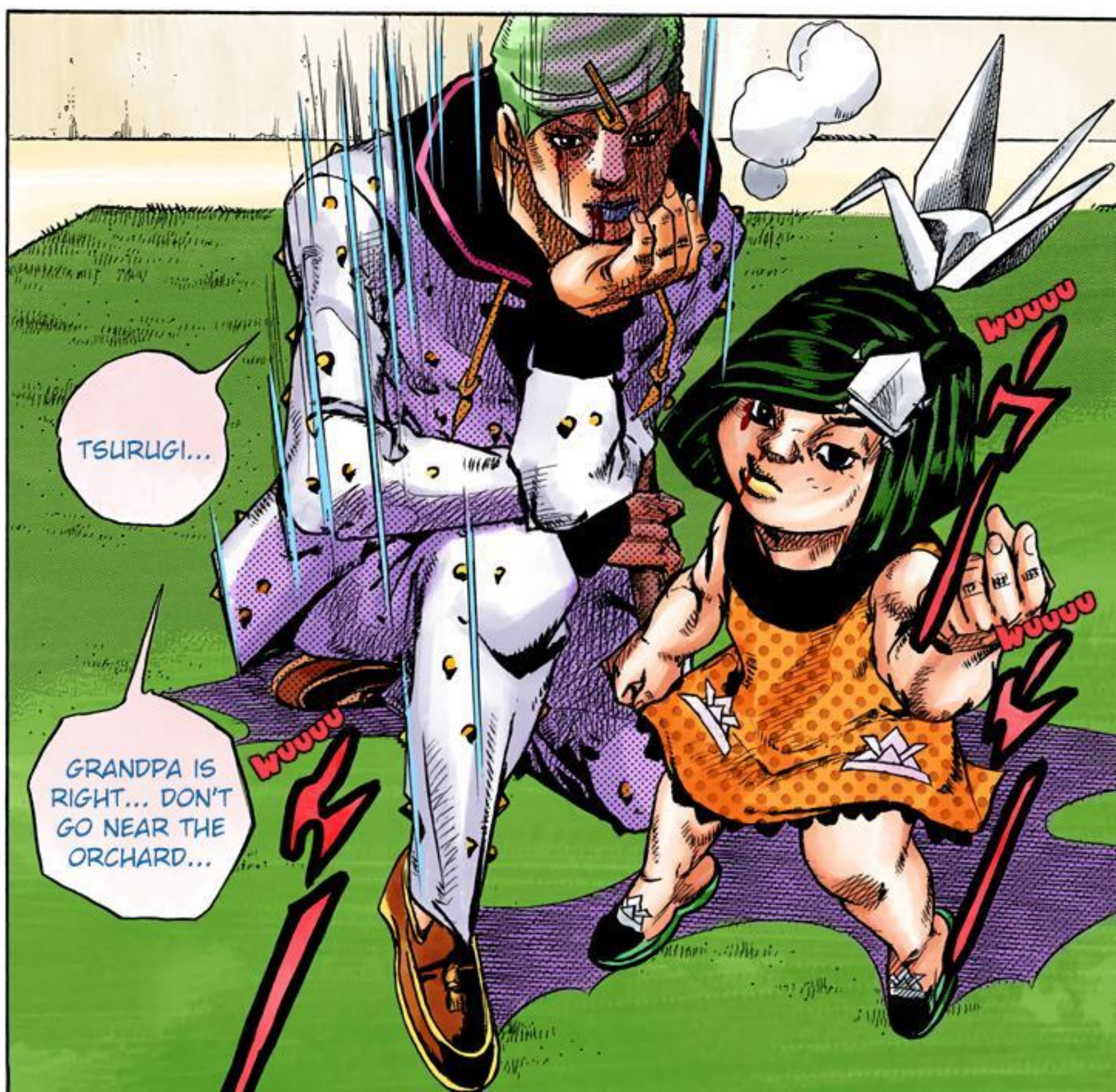
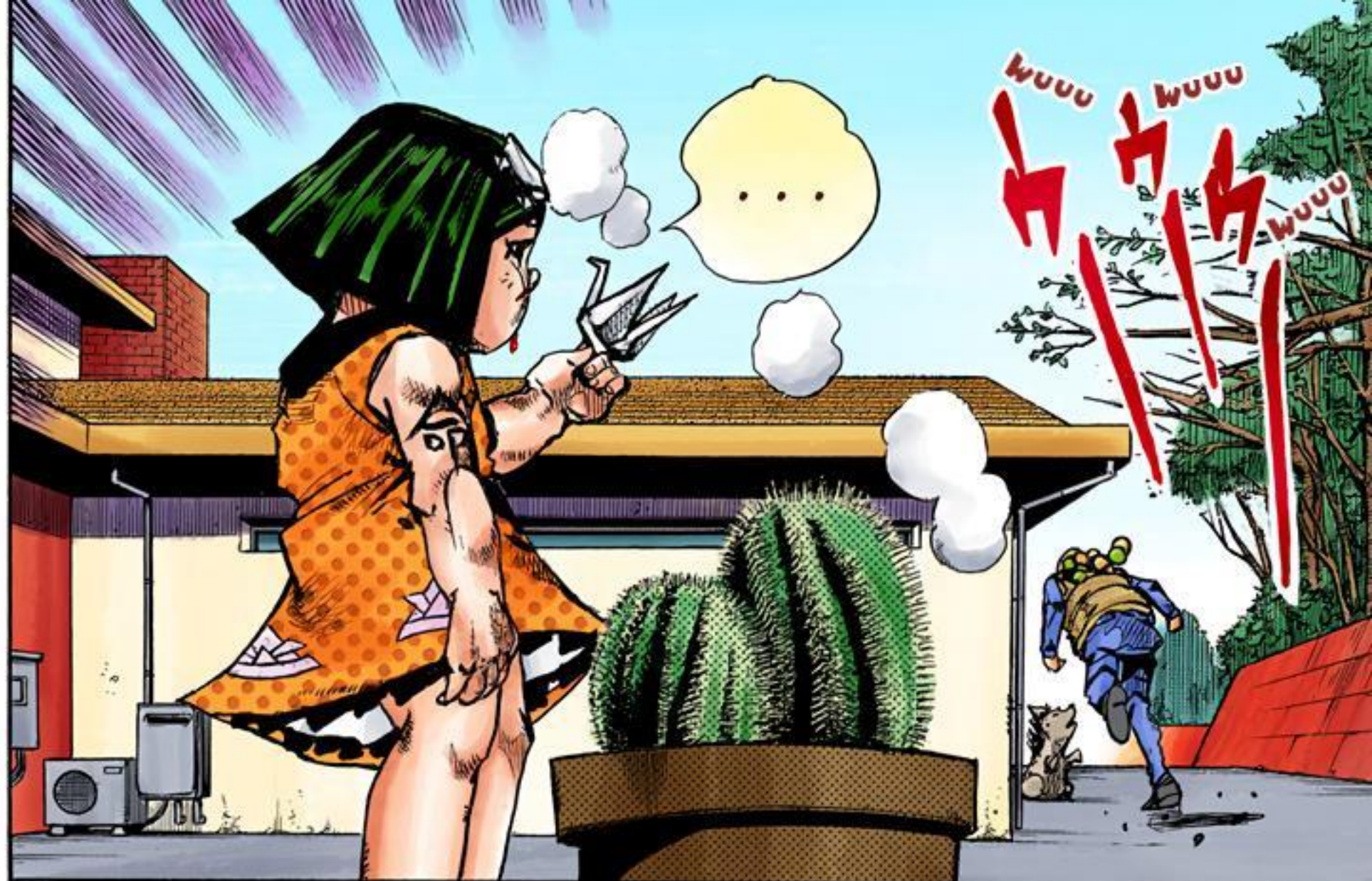
IS THIS  
YOURS?

'ORIGAMI'  
...?



?!  
K  
S  
A  
H









"SEE PEOPLE  
AS HAVING  
THE SAME  
FACE"

IT HAS  
THE ABILITY  
TO MAKE  
THOSE THAT  
TOUCH YOUR  
'ORIGAMI'...

THROUGH  
ITS ABILITY  
TO "MAKE  
THEM UNABLE  
TO DISCERN  
OBJECTS OR  
RECOGNIZE  
THEIR SHAPES".

**"PAPER  
MOON KING".**

...BECAUSE  
THE SECURITY  
CAMERAS HAVE  
REACTIVATED  
NOW.

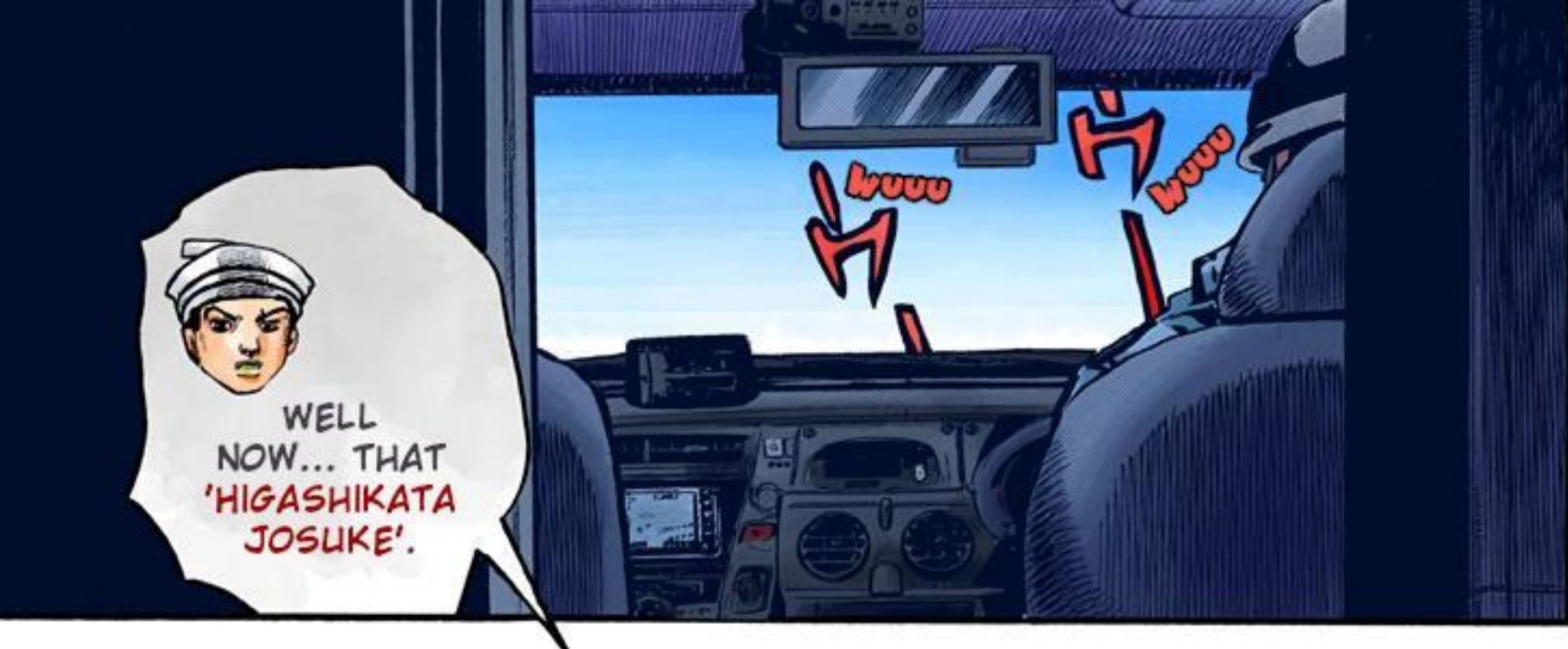
LET'S  
SAVOR THIS  
VICTORY...

GO









WELL  
NOW... THAT  
'HIGASHIKATA  
JOSUKE'.



'POOR TOM'  
TOO... JUST  
NOW HE WAS  
CORNERED AND  
RUNNING  
AWAY.



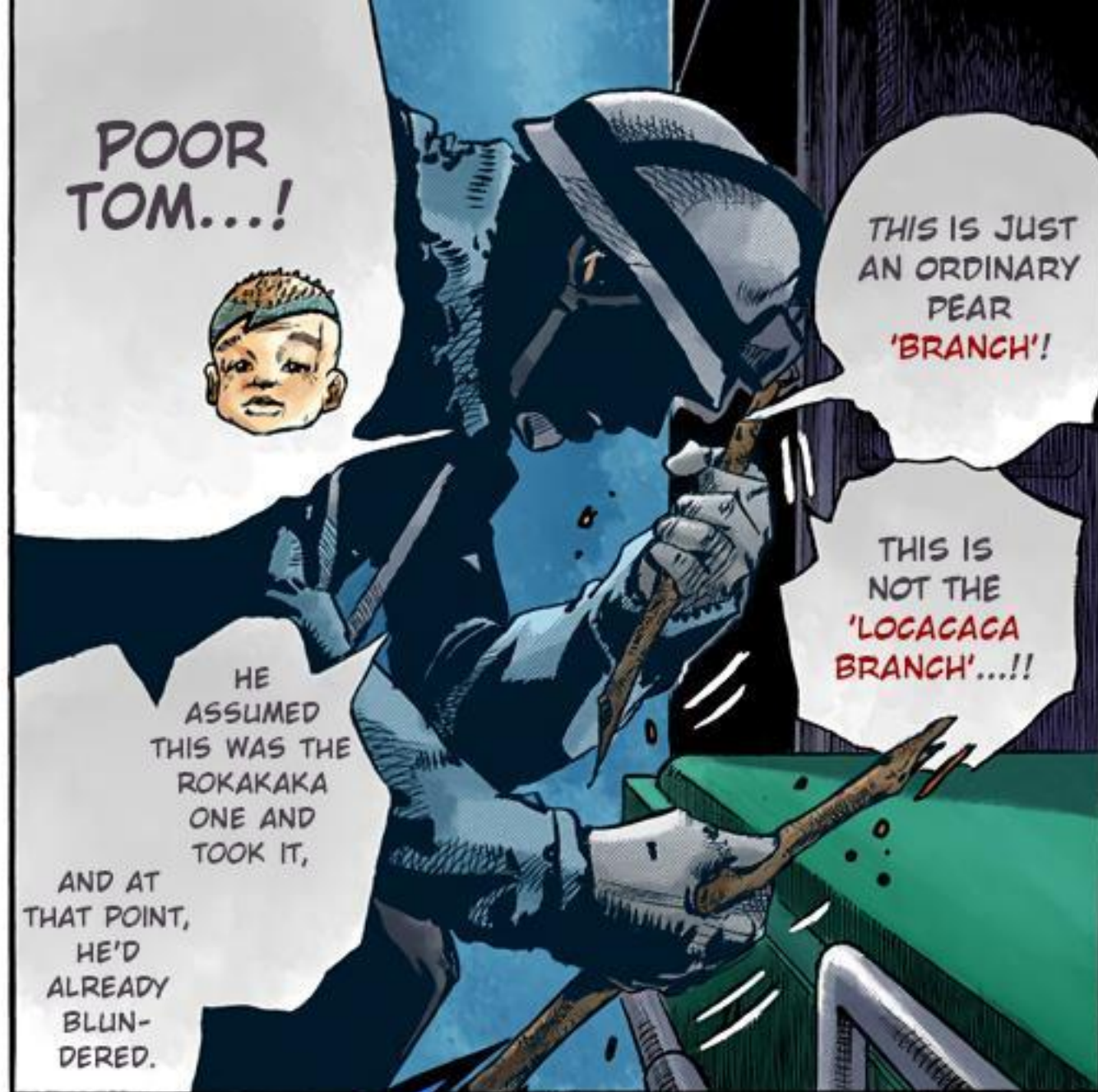
AFTER  
POOR TOM  
STOLE THE  
'BRANCH', HE  
KEPT CHASING  
HIM TO THE  
VERY END.

IT LOOKS LIKE  
HE BELIEVED IT...  
HE WAS CERTAINLY  
QUITE DESPERATE  
TO GET IT  
BACK...



...BUT  
THIS...





POOR  
TOM....!

THIS IS JUST  
AN ORDINARY  
PEAR  
'BRANCH'!

THIS IS  
NOT THE  
'LOCACACA  
BRANCH'....!!

HE  
ASSUMED  
THIS WAS THE  
ROKAKAKA  
ONE AND  
TOOK IT,

AND AT  
THAT POINT,  
HE'D  
ALREADY  
BLUN-  
DERED.



THIS  
IS THE  
WRONG  
ONE!



AND MOST  
OF IT HAS  
ALREADY  
BURNED.

THE  
HIGASHIKATA  
FAMILY  
ORCHARD...  
COVERS A  
CONSIDERABLE  
AREA.

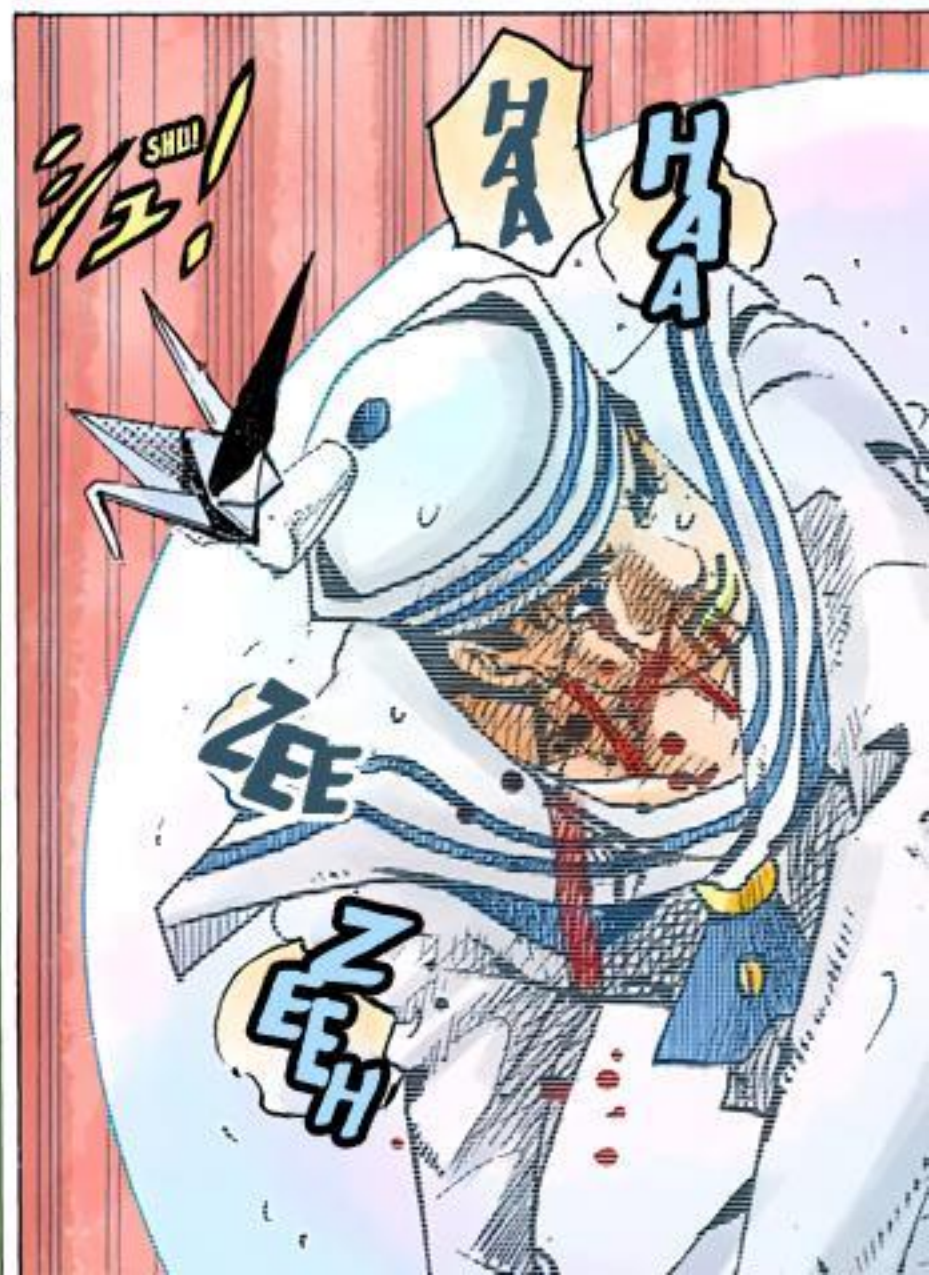
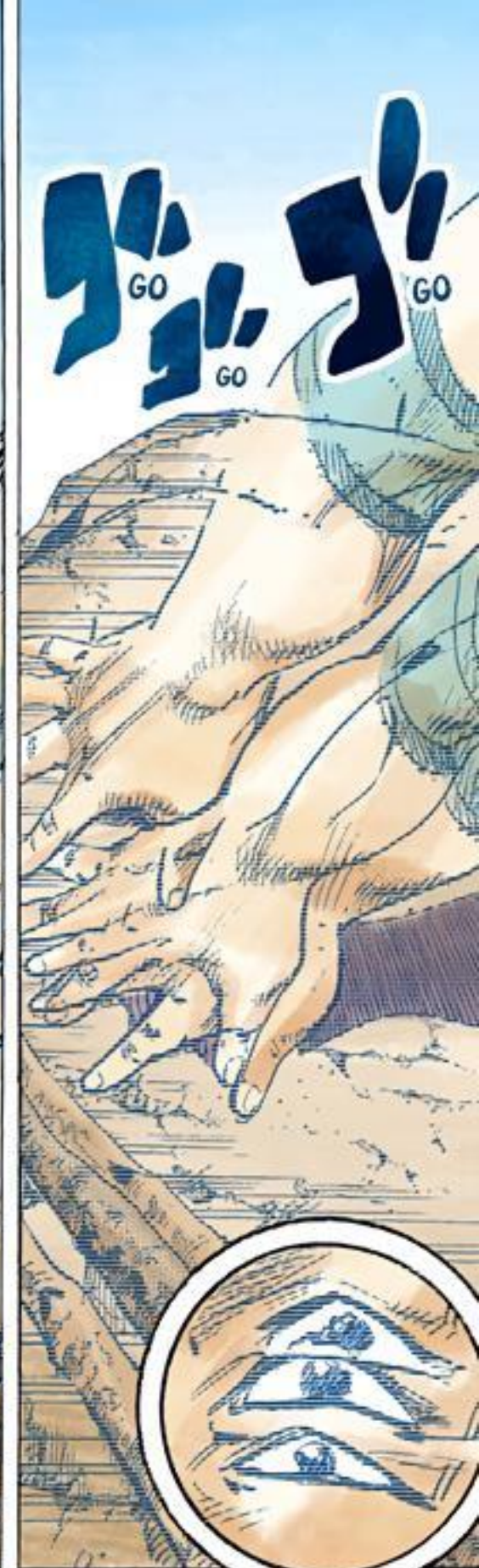
NO...  
THAT'S NOT  
THE RIGHT  
WAY TO THINK  
ABOUT THIS.



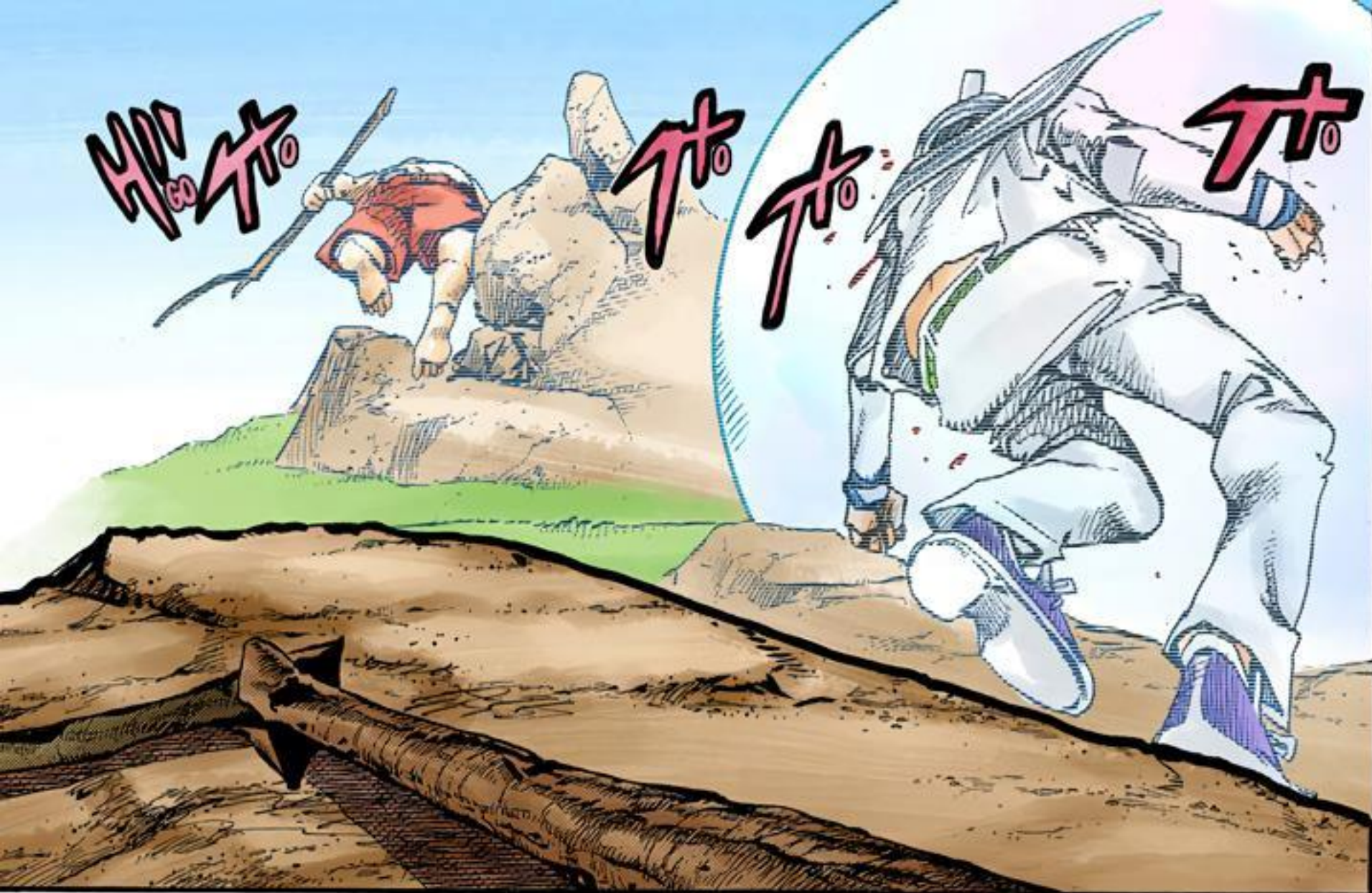




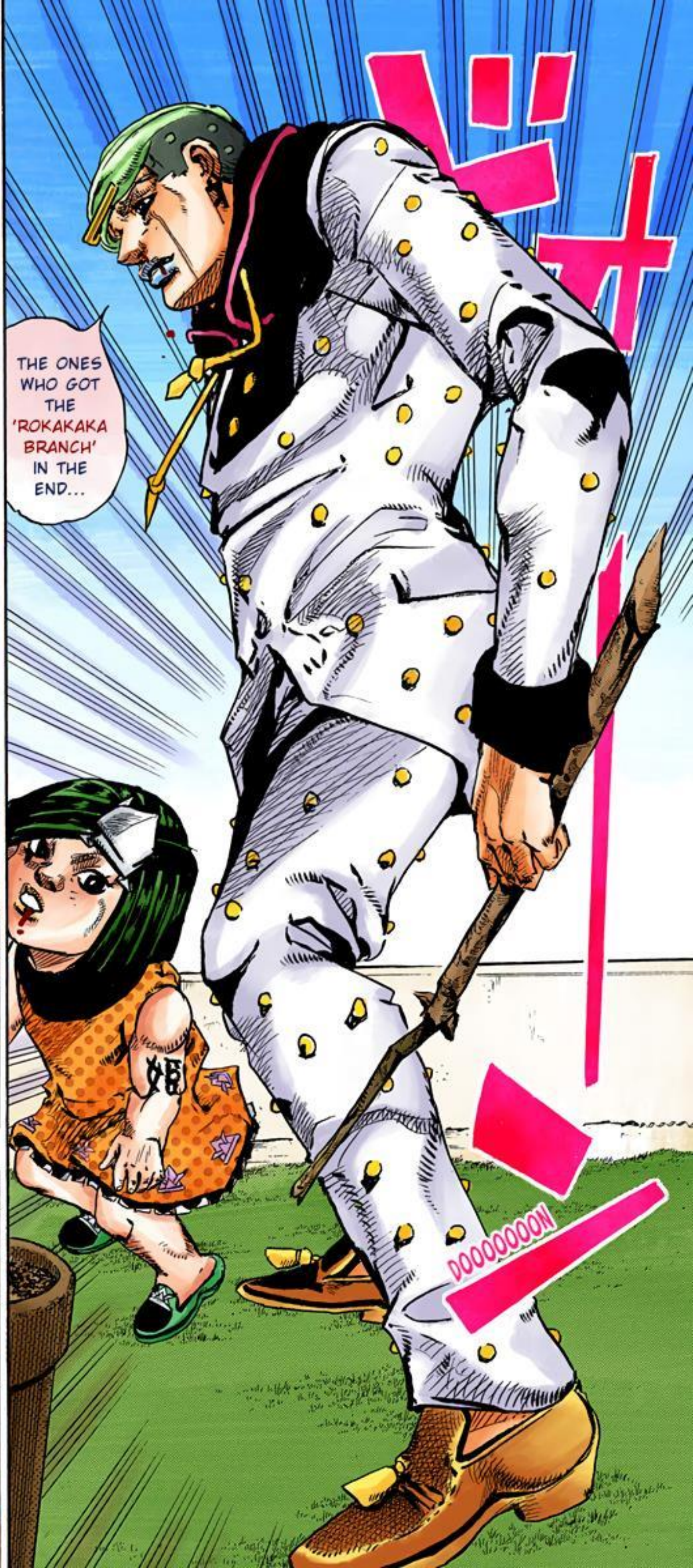










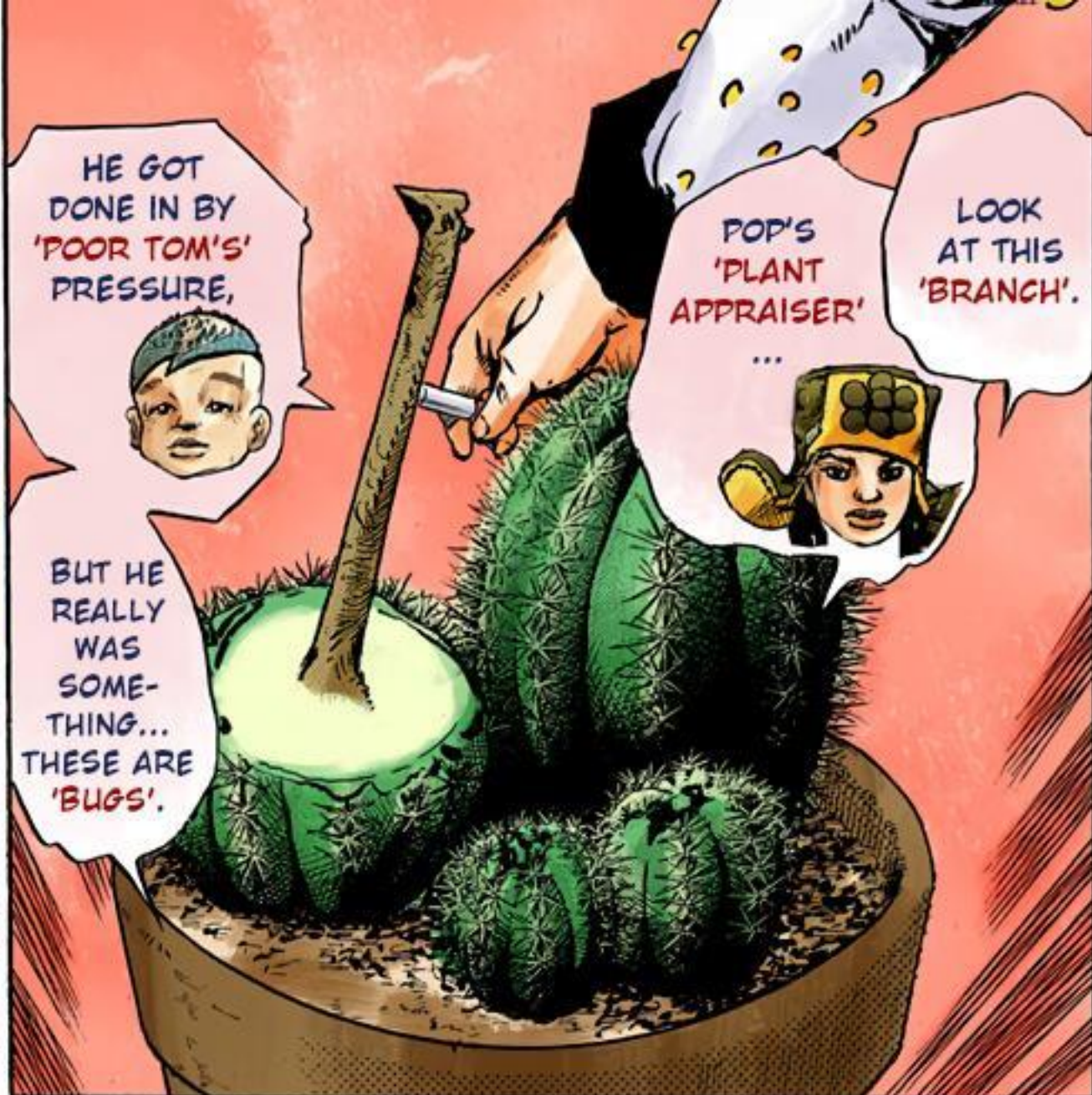






THERE ARE SPECIAL 'BUGS' PLANTED INSIDE THIS 'BRANCH'.

BY 'GRAFTING' IT ON TO THIS CACTUS PLANT, IT'LL GROW FASTER.

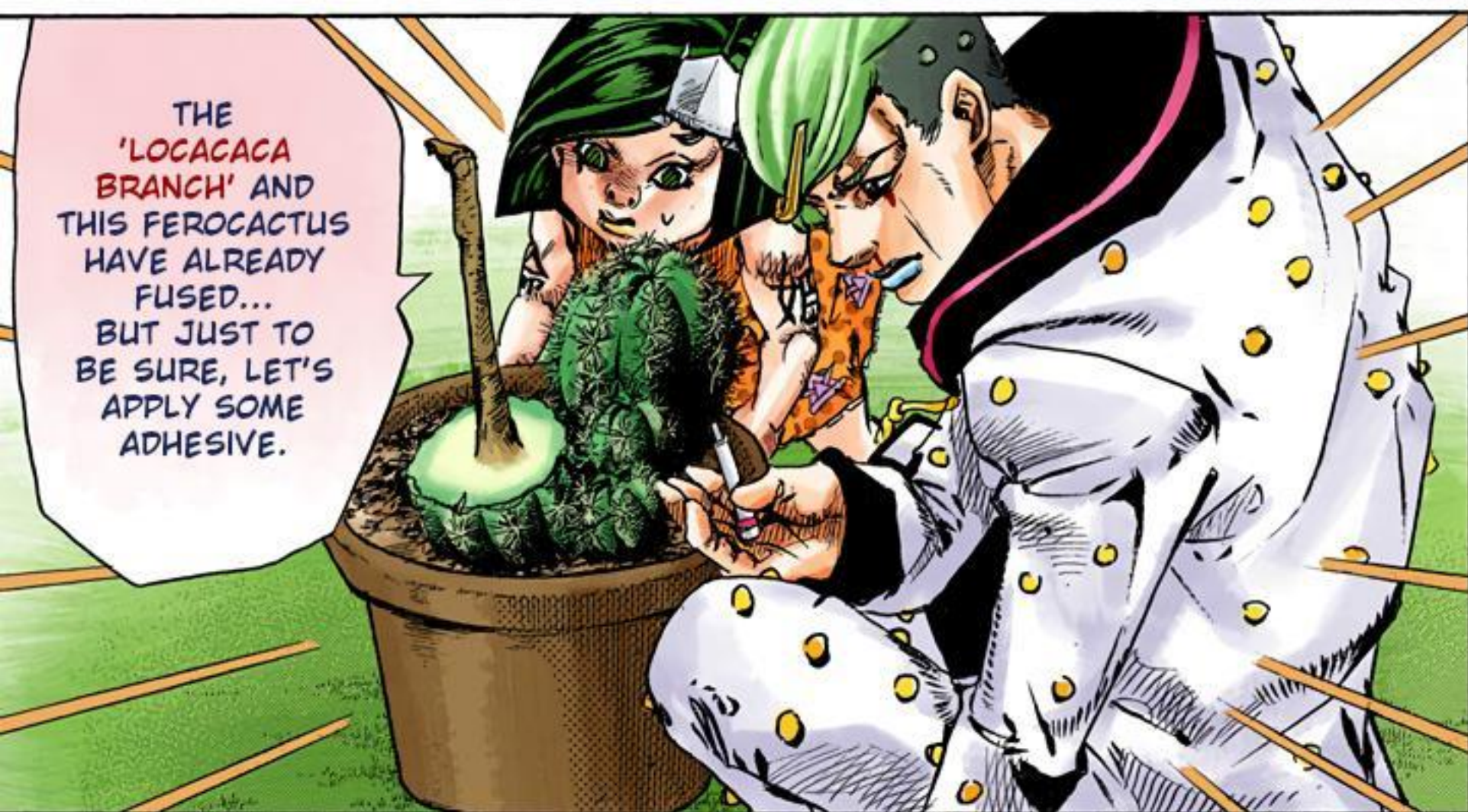


HE GOT DONE IN BY 'POOR TOM'S' PRESSURE,

BUT HE REALLY WAS SOMETHING... THESE ARE 'BUGS'.

POP'S 'PLANT APPRAISER' ...

LOOK AT THIS 'BRANCH'.



THE 'LOCACACA BRANCH' AND THIS FEROCACTUS HAVE ALREADY FUSED... BUT JUST TO BE SURE, LET'S APPLY SOME ADHESIVE.



FOR EXAMPLE, THE RECORD FOR FLOWERS IS THE GIGANTEA, WHICH HAS BEEN KNOWN TO GROW 'FLOWERS' 14 DAYS AFTER BEING GRAFTED.



WITH THIS METHOD, IT SHOULDN'T BE TOO LONG BEFORE WE CAN HARVEST THE 'FRUIT'.







I'M  
THINKING  
ABOUT  
THAT.

WILL THE  
FRUIT GROW?  
...WH...WHERE  
DO WE PUT  
IT?



IF YOU  
TALK TO  
GRANDPA  
NORISUKE  
ABOUT  
THIS  
'BRANCH'...

...THEN  
GRANDPA  
NORISUKE  
WILL LOSE TO  
THE 'ENEMY'.  
...THAT'S  
BECAUSE  
HIS WAY OF  
THINKING  
IS WEAK.



YOU MUST  
NOT TALK  
ABOUT THIS  
'BRANCH'.

KEEP IT  
A SECRET  
FROM  
EVERYONE.



GRANDPA IS  
YOUR ALLY...  
AND WE'RE ALL  
A FAMILY.

LISTEN  
CLOSELY  
TSURUGI.

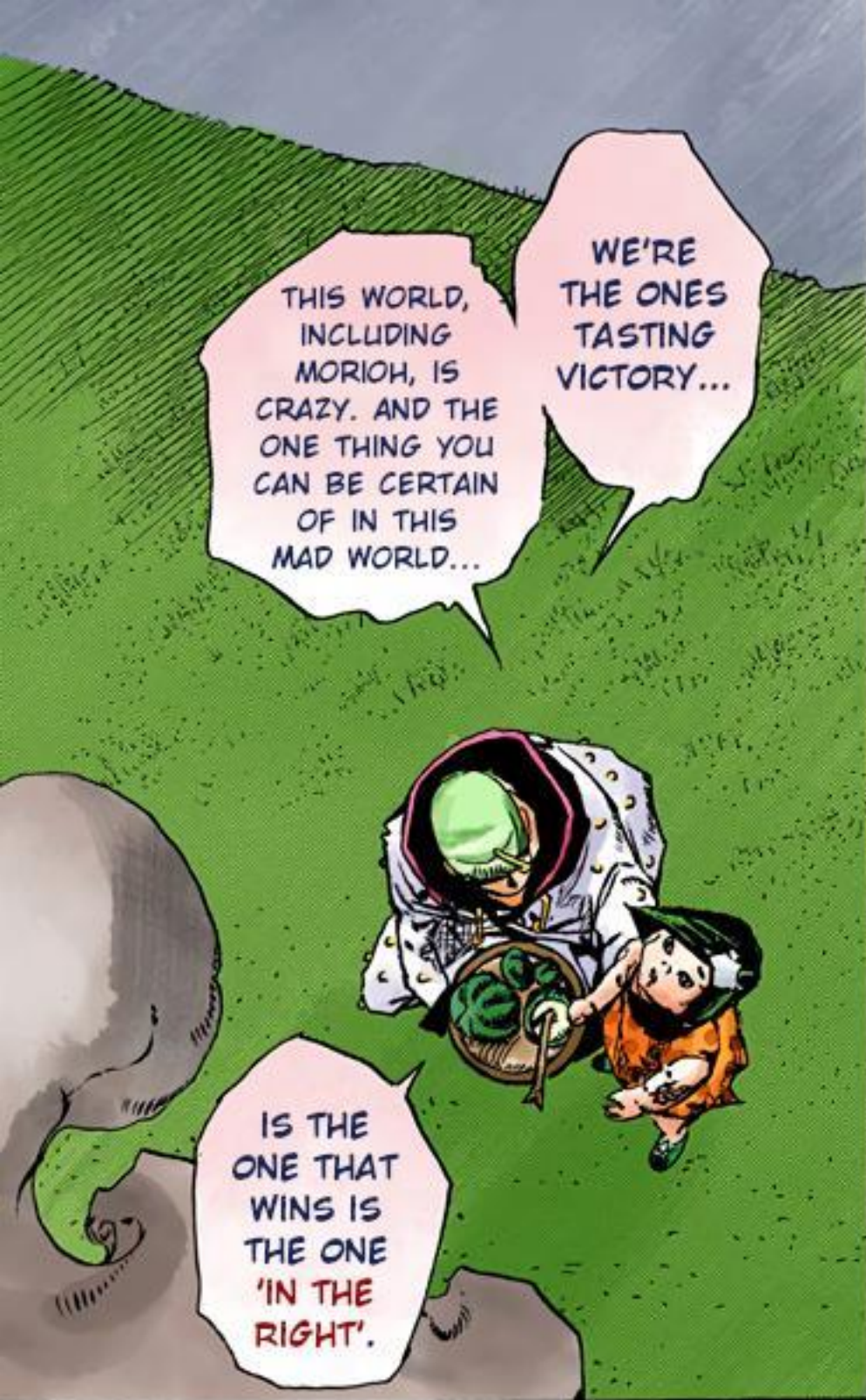
MY FATHER...  
NORISUKE, YOUR  
GRANDPA, CARES  
A WHOLE LOT  
ABOUT YOU.

THAT  
BEING  
SAID...

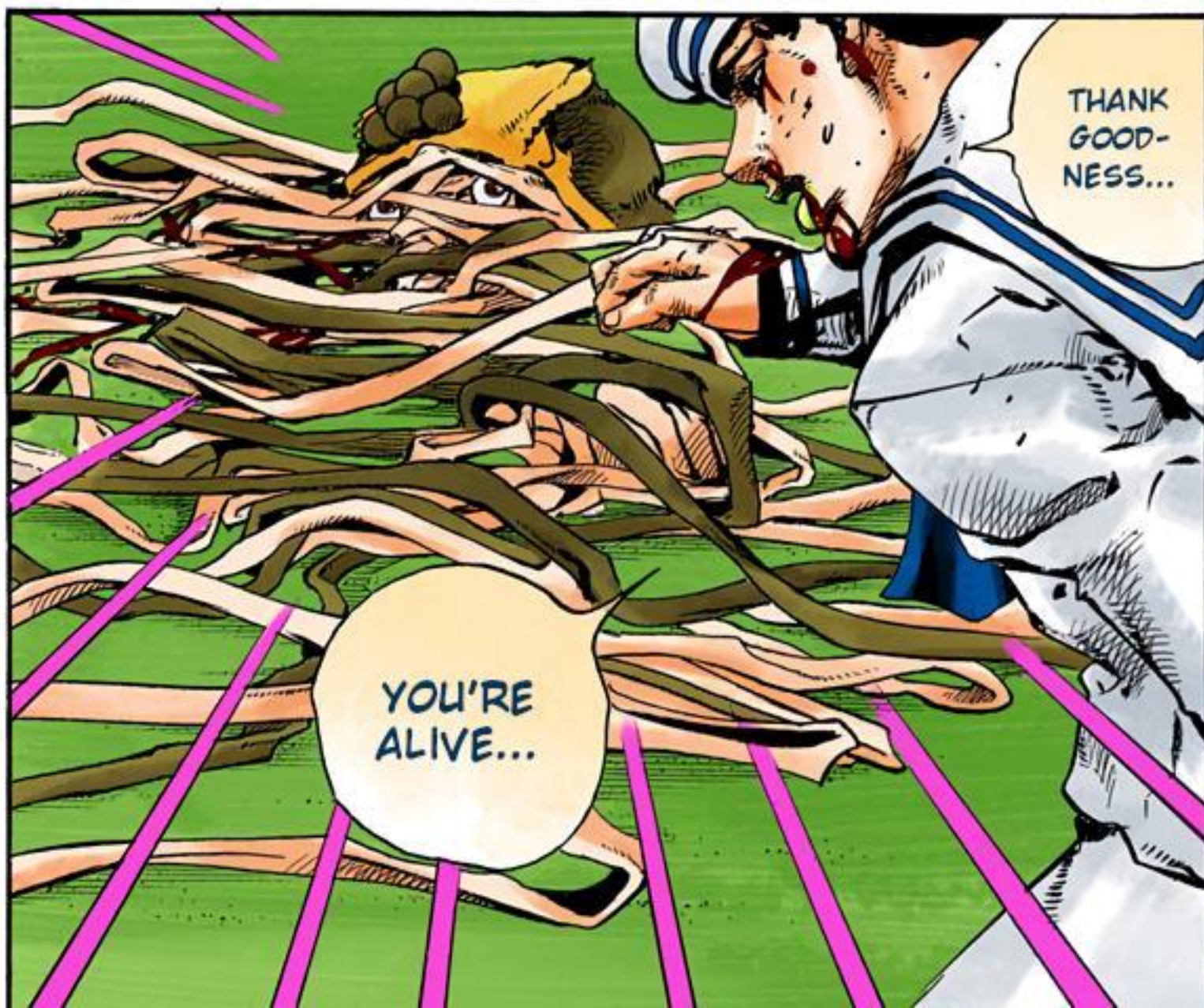
THIS  
'BRANCH'  
IS A  
DIFFERENT  
CASE.



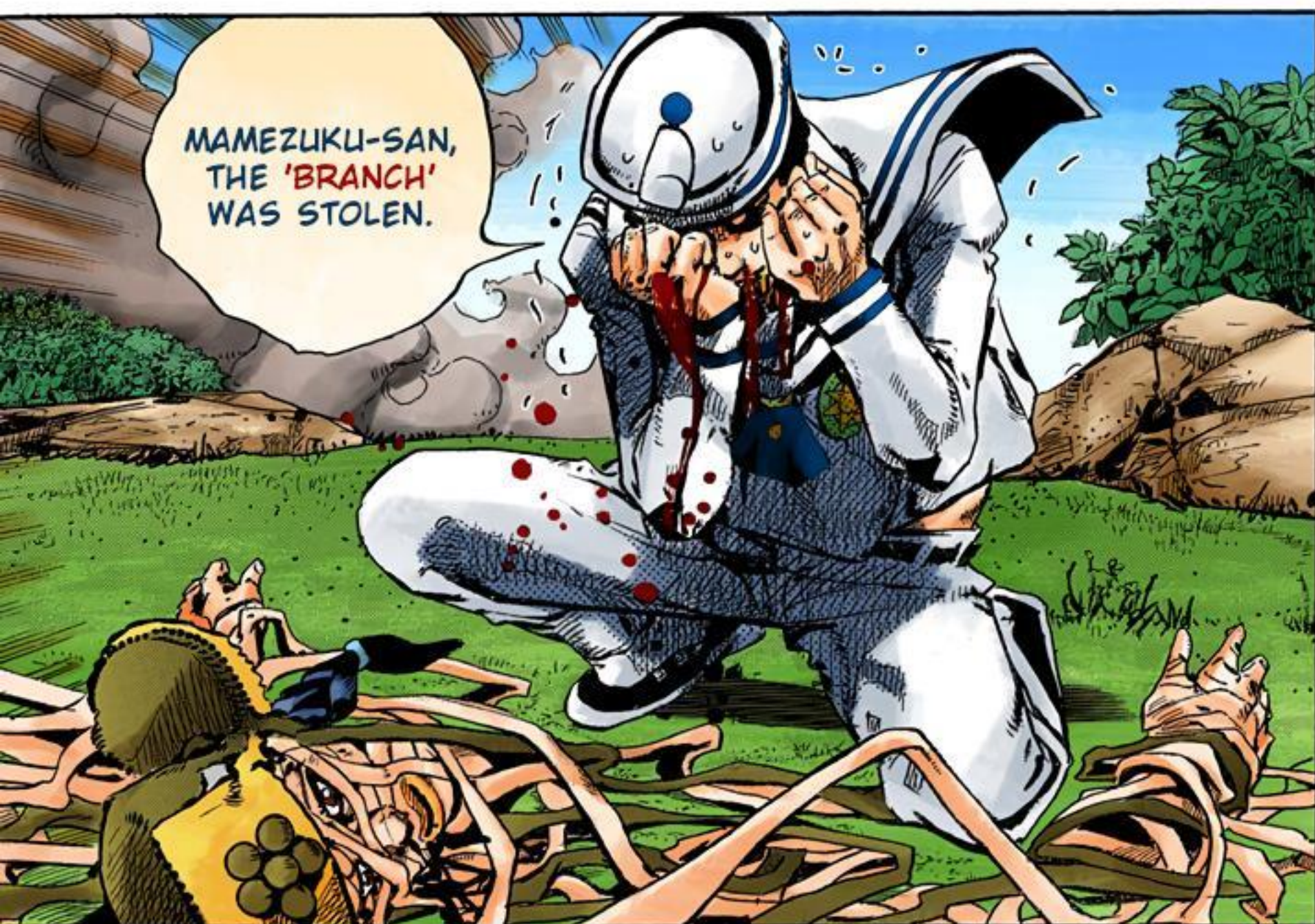
















WE'D LIKE TO APOLOGIZE FOR  
THE DELAY ON THIS CHAPTER. ALSO,  
FROM THIS POINT ONWARDS,  
WE WILL BE REFERRING TO THE  
'ROKAKAKA' FRUIT AS THE CANON  
ENGLISH SPELLING: 'LOCACACA'

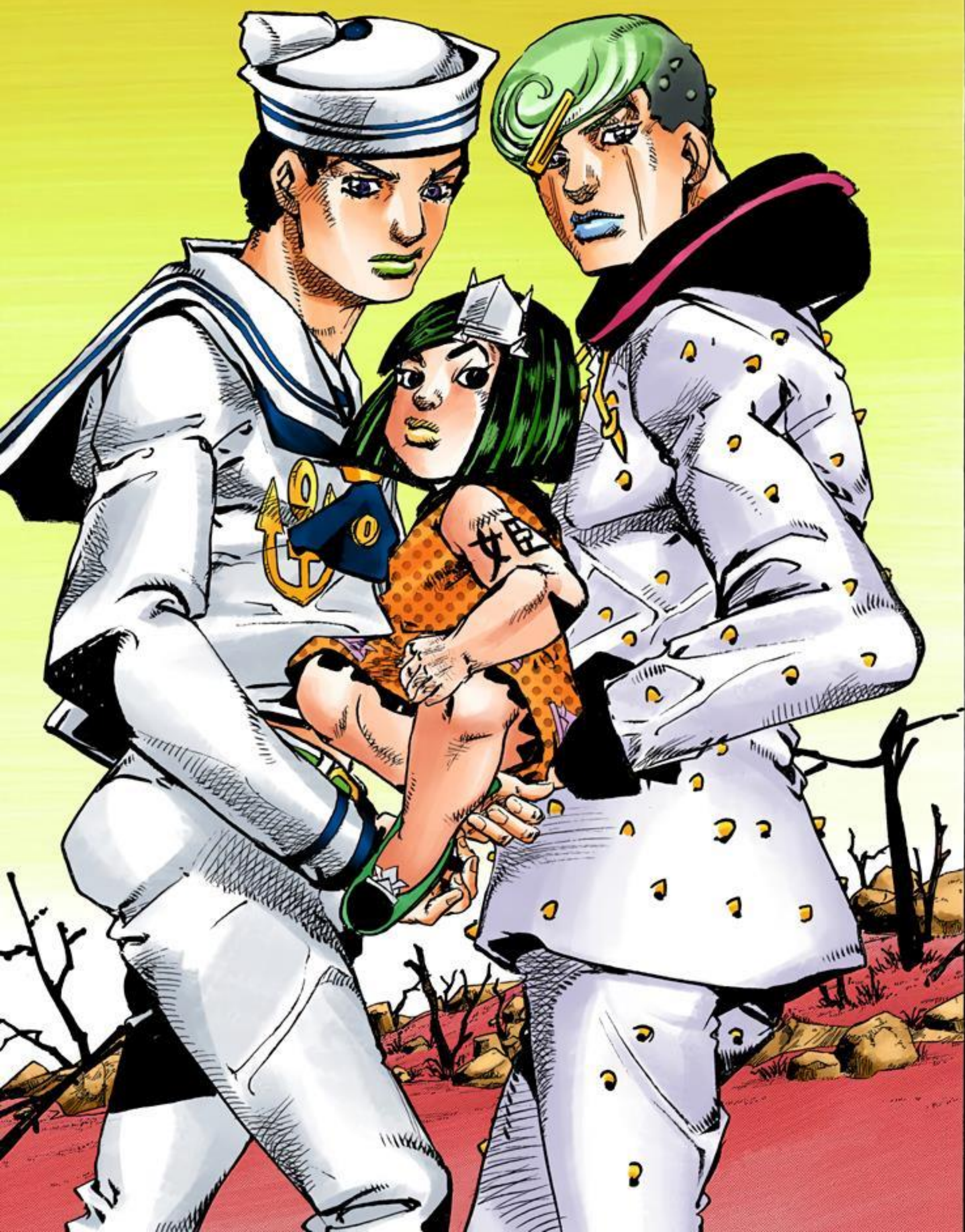
PRESENTED BY: DUCKS WITH HATS

TYPESETTING: NAT71828, MINEDOR, THATDUDE  
CLEANING: MINEDOR  
TRANSLATION: HI WA MATA NOBORU  
LOGO: THATDUDE  
QUALITY CONTROL: HAMUEL





# #077 LET'S GO TO TG UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL





IT'S A  
FINDING  
THAT HAS  
NOT BEEN  
PUBLISHED  
ANYWHERE...

MEDICALLY...  
AND ALSO  
PHARMA-  
CEUTICALLY,

Borneo Island

Sulawesi

BUT THE RARE  
FRUIT DISCOVERED  
IN THE PLATEAUS  
OF PAPUA  
NEW GUINEA, THE  
**'LOCACACA'**,

Equator

Bismarck Archipelago

New Britain Island

...WAS  
FOUND  
TO HAVE A  
**"MEDICAL  
USE"**.

Arnhem Land Peninsula

AND HIS  
DAMAGED  
SHOULDER

TRADED  
WITH HIS  
LOWER  
JAW,

ALLOWING  
HIM TO  
BECOME  
A PLAYER  
MAKING 600  
MILLION  
YEN THIS  
SEASON.

A PITCHER FOR  
THE SEITEN BIRDIES,  
AH-KUN, HAD RUINED  
HIS RIGHT SHOULDER  
AND WAS TOLD IT  
WOULD NEVER  
RECOVER. HE WAS  
ABOUT TO RETIRE,  
BUT THEN HE ATE A  
**"LOCACACA"**



WAAA

WAAA

WAAA



THE ABILITY TO  
"EQUIVALENTLY"  
'EXCHANGE' AN  
'AILING PART'  
WITH A 'HEALTHY  
PART'.

THIS IS  
"EQUIVALENT  
EXCHANGE"!!

1/2 OF  
MY BODY IS  
JOSEFUMI  
KUJO,

AND 1/2  
OF IT  
IS YOSHI-  
KAGE KIRA.

TWO SEPARATE  
BODIES TIED  
TOGETHER THROUGH  
EQUIVALENT EXCHANGE.  
—"AND MY MEMORIES  
WERE LOST"—







THAT WAS  
THE "NEW  
LOCACACA"...



"WHO" WAS IT  
THAT STOLE ITS  
'BRANCH' FROM  
THE BURNING  
ORCHARD?!



PLANT  
APPRAISER,  
ARE YOU THE  
ONE WHO LIT  
THE FIRE?!

WHAT'RE  
YOU DOING  
AT OUR HOUSE  
OUT OF THE  
BLUE LIKE  
THIS?

...SERIOUSLY,  
THERE'S  
SOMETHIN'  
FISHY  
HE--RE!!

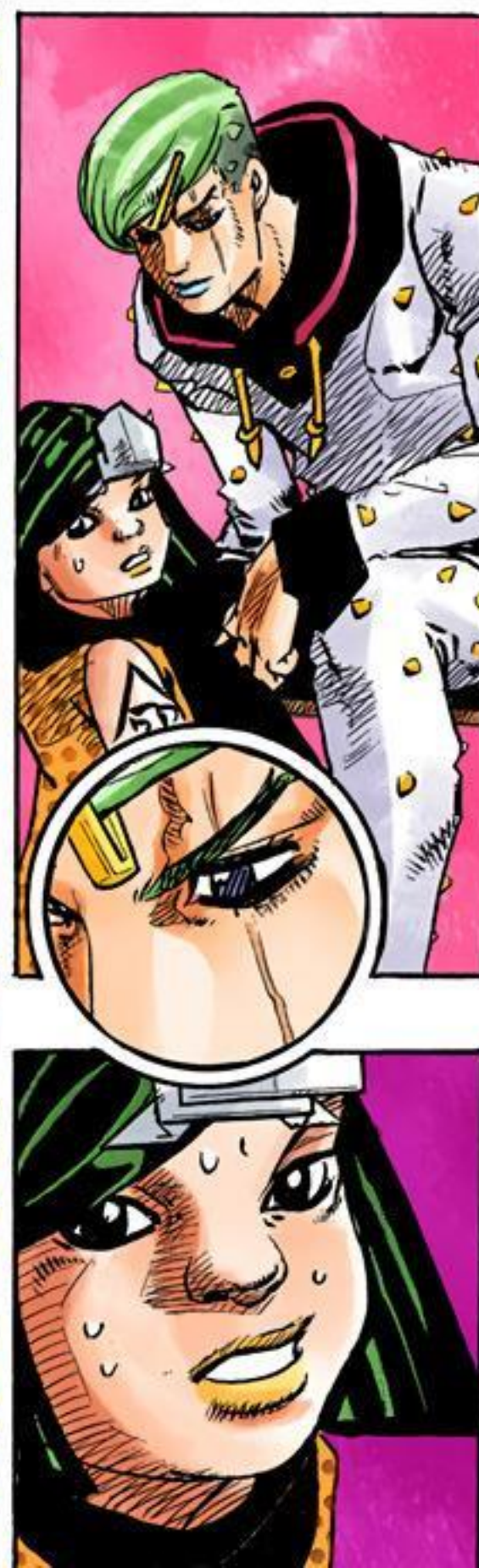
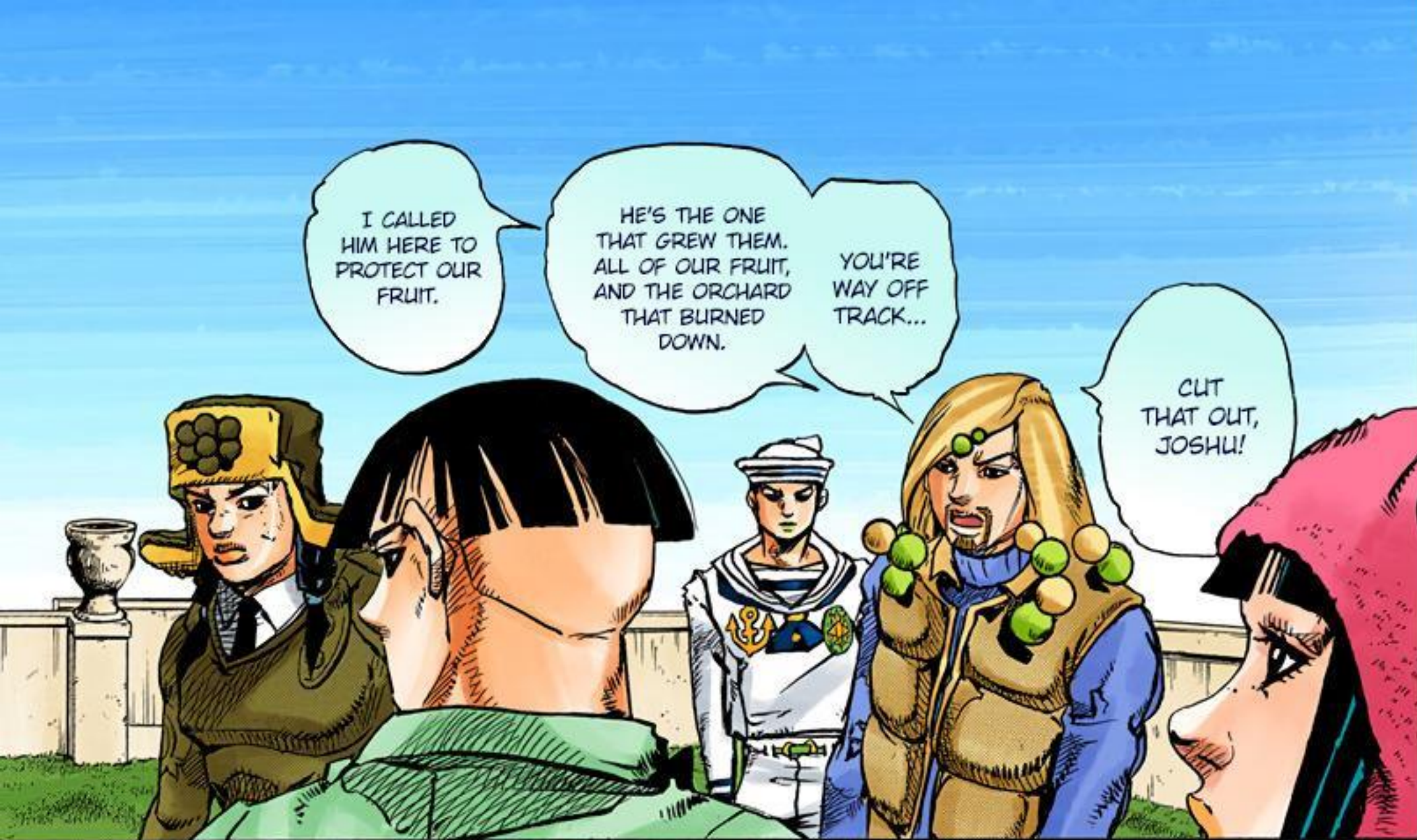


WHAT'S  
WITH  
THIS GUY  
SHOWIN' UP  
ALL OF A  
SUDDEN?!

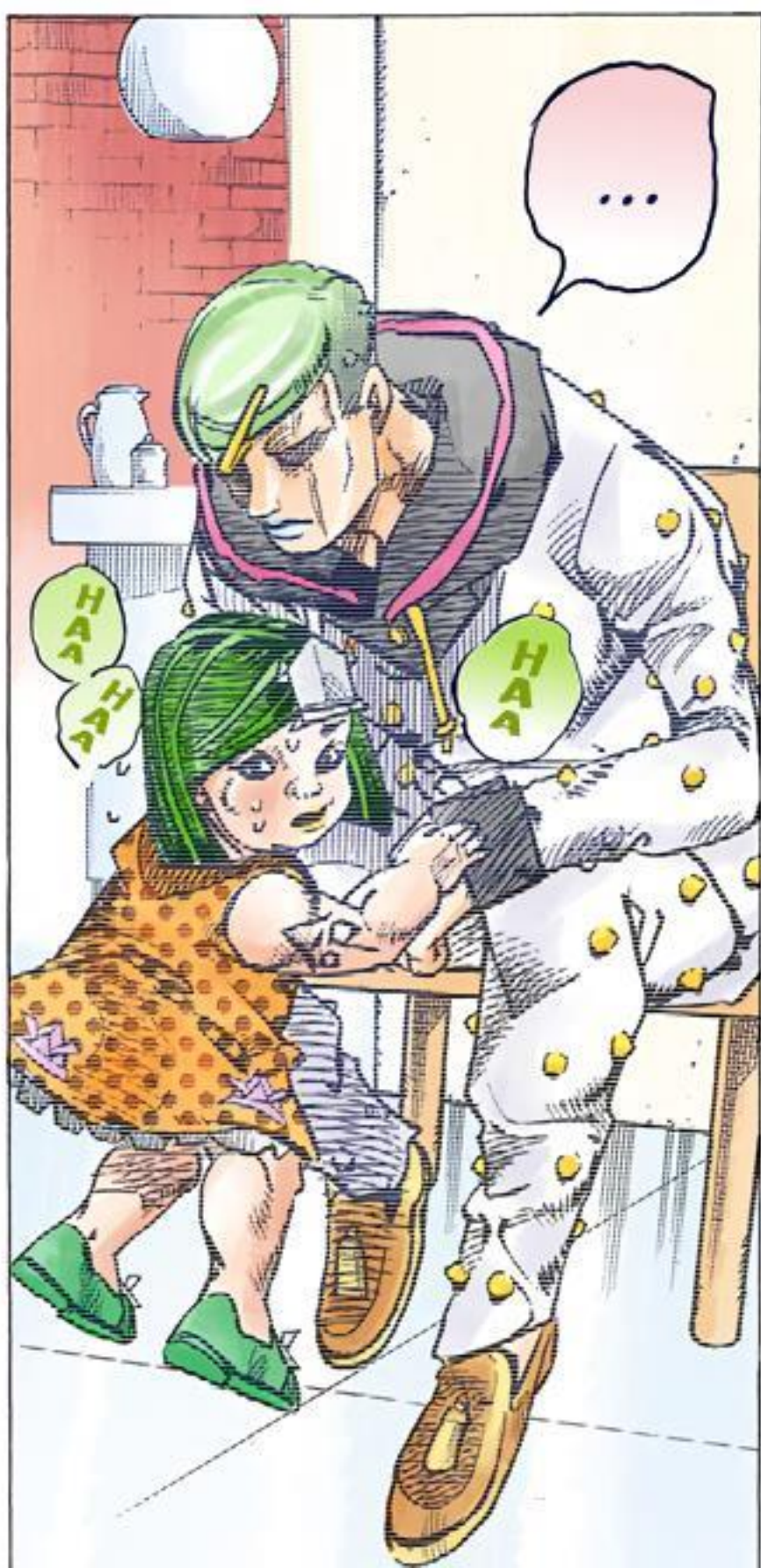
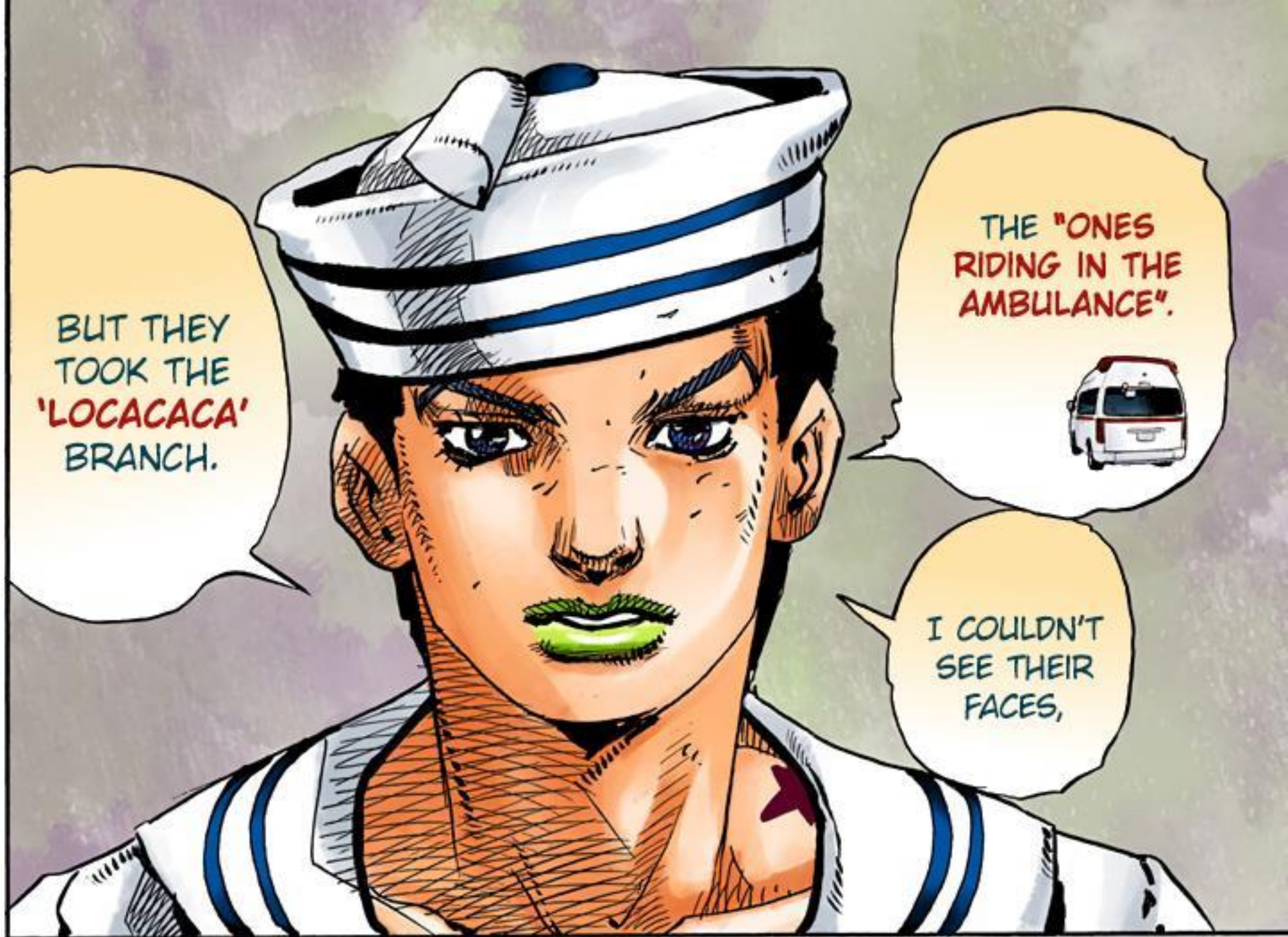


HEY~

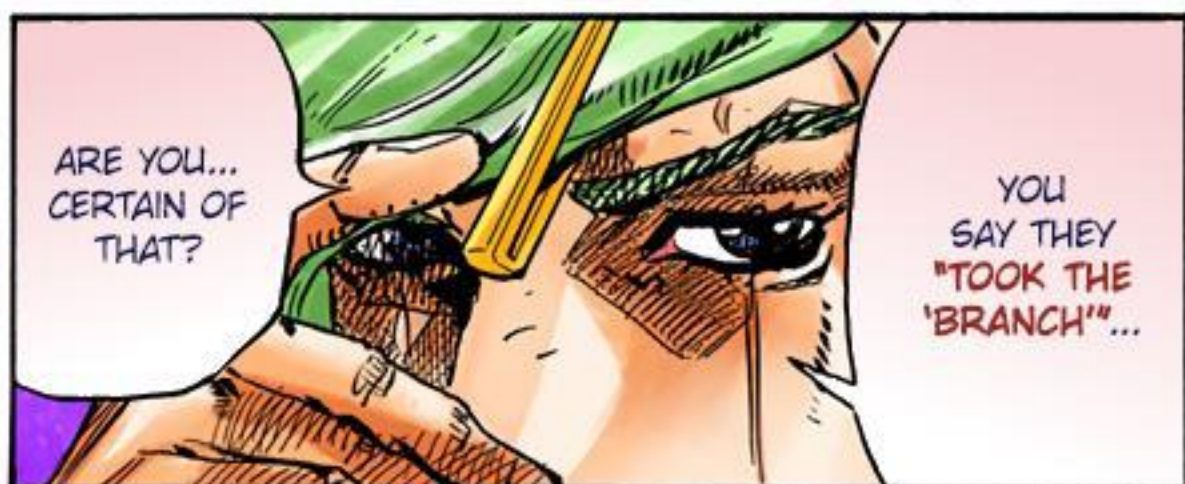
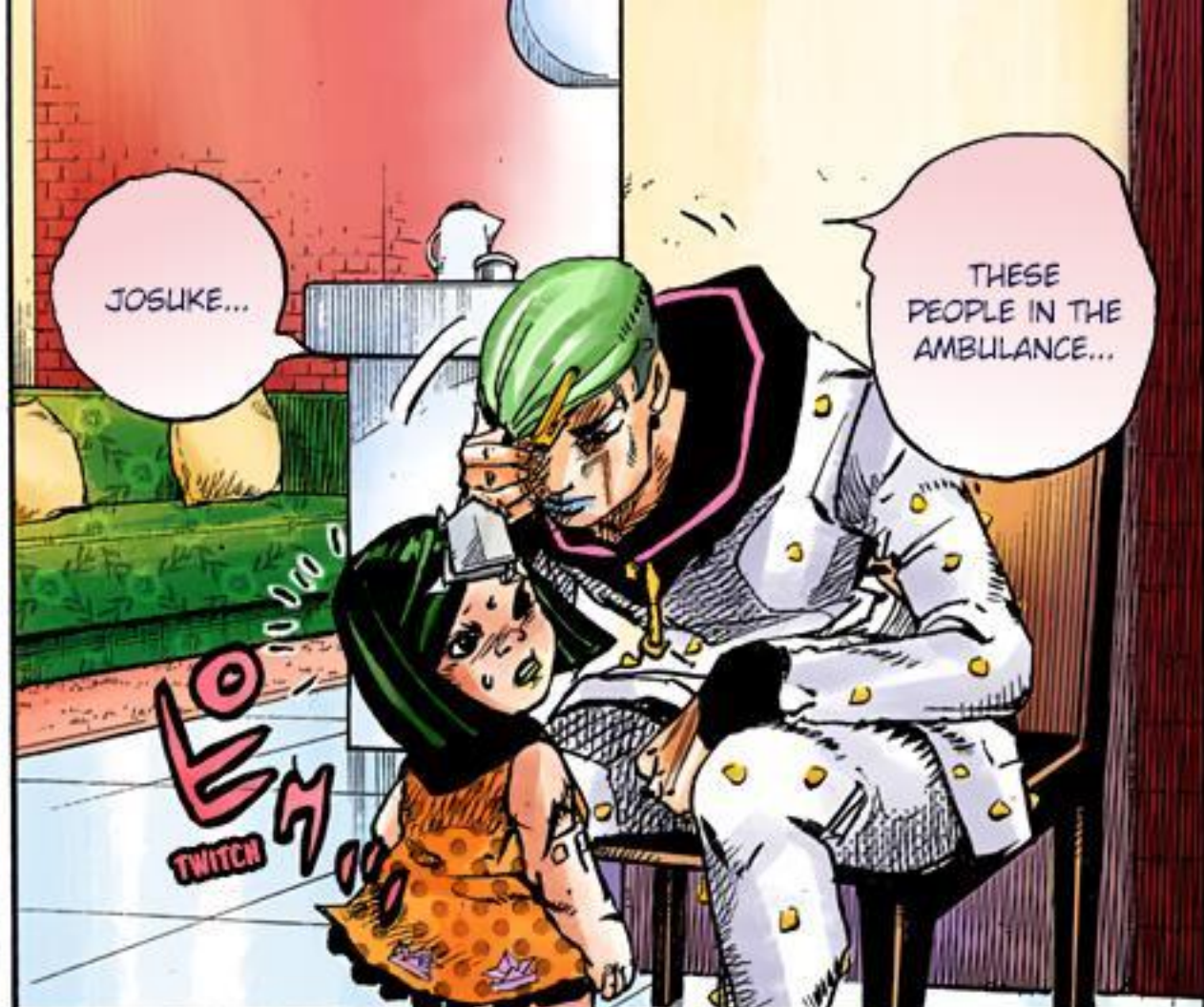




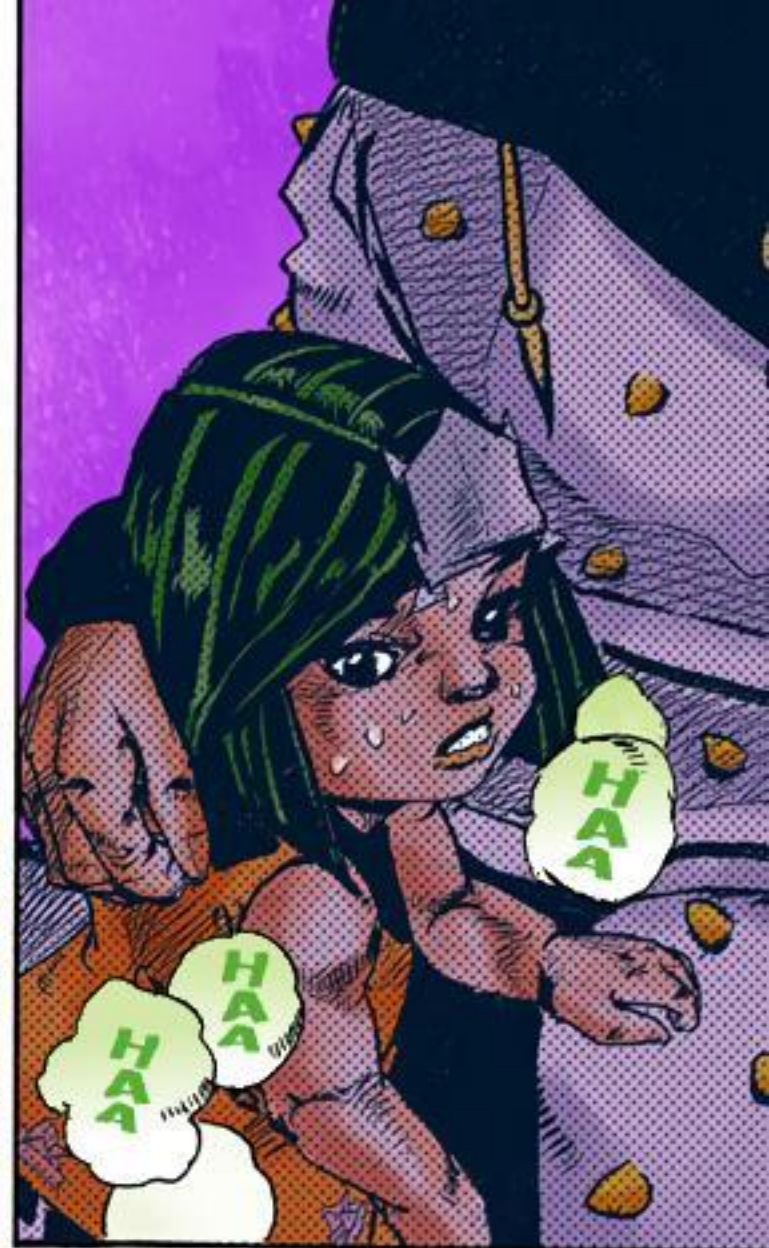








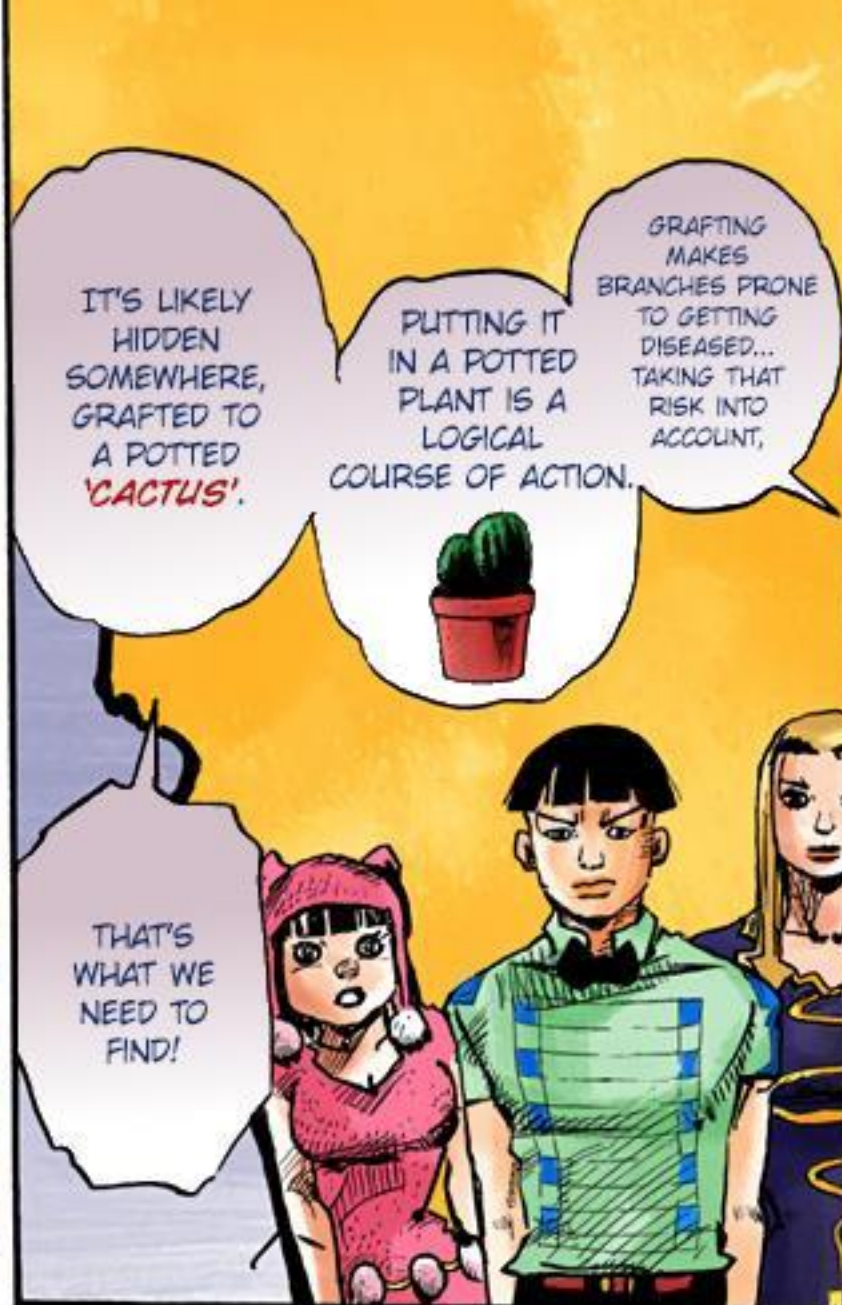








A POTTED CACTUS.



IT'S LIKELY HIDDEN SOMEWHERE, GRAFTED TO A POTTED 'CACTUS'.

PUTTING IT IN A POTTED PLANT IS A LOGICAL COURSE OF ACTION.



GRAFTING MAKES BRANCHES PRONE TO GETTING DISEASED... TAKING THAT RISK INTO ACCOUNT,

THAT'S WHAT WE NEED TO FIND!



IF YOU DO A 'GRAFT' OF THE BRANCH TO A "CACTUS", THEN IT'S POSSIBLE.



GULP



...



ON THAT SUBJECT...

BIG SIS HATO...

HEH



WHAT'RE WE GONNA DO NOW?!

IT'S GONNA TAKE YEARS AND YEARS TO GET BACK TO HOW IT WAS! I'LL BE AN OLD GRANNY BY THEN!

BUT WHAT ABOUT OUR ANCESTRAL ORCHARD? IT BURNED DOWN!

HEY, DADDY~ THE TWO WEEKS FOR THE 'LOCACACA' FRUIT IS IMPORTANT AND ALL,





HUHUH?  
WHADDA  
YOU  
MEAN?



NEW  
BUSINESS?



WE CAN  
DO A NEW  
BUSINESS  
WITH THE  
BURNT  
LAND.

...SO THEN  
THERE  
WON'T BE ANY  
CHANGES  
WITH THE  
JOB OF THE  
HIGASHIKATA  
FAMILY  
ORCHARD.

UNTIL  
NEW FRUIT  
TREES  
GROW...



LISTEN  
TO ME~!

I'VE GOT  
AN IDEA  
THAT'LL PUT  
EVERYBODY'S  
MINDS AT  
EASE!

I'M THE  
HIGASHIKATA  
FAMILY SECOND  
SON THAT  
EVERYBODY  
COUNTS ON,  
AFTER ALL!



MORIOH'S  
FULL A'  
VACATION  
HOME  
FAMILIES,

WE  
START A  
"MATSUTAKE  
MUSHROOM  
HUNTING  
TOUR"  
IN THE  
ORCHARD!

SO I'M  
SURE THEY'LL  
BE PLENTY  
WHO'LL DROP  
THEIR MONEY  
ON THAT!



WE JUST  
GOTTA STICK  
FOUR OR FIVE  
UNDER SOME  
LEAVES SOME-  
WHERE.

IT'S A TOUR  
WHERE YOU  
SEARCH OUT  
A TARGET!

LIKE  
MAYBE  
SOME  
FROM  
CHINA.

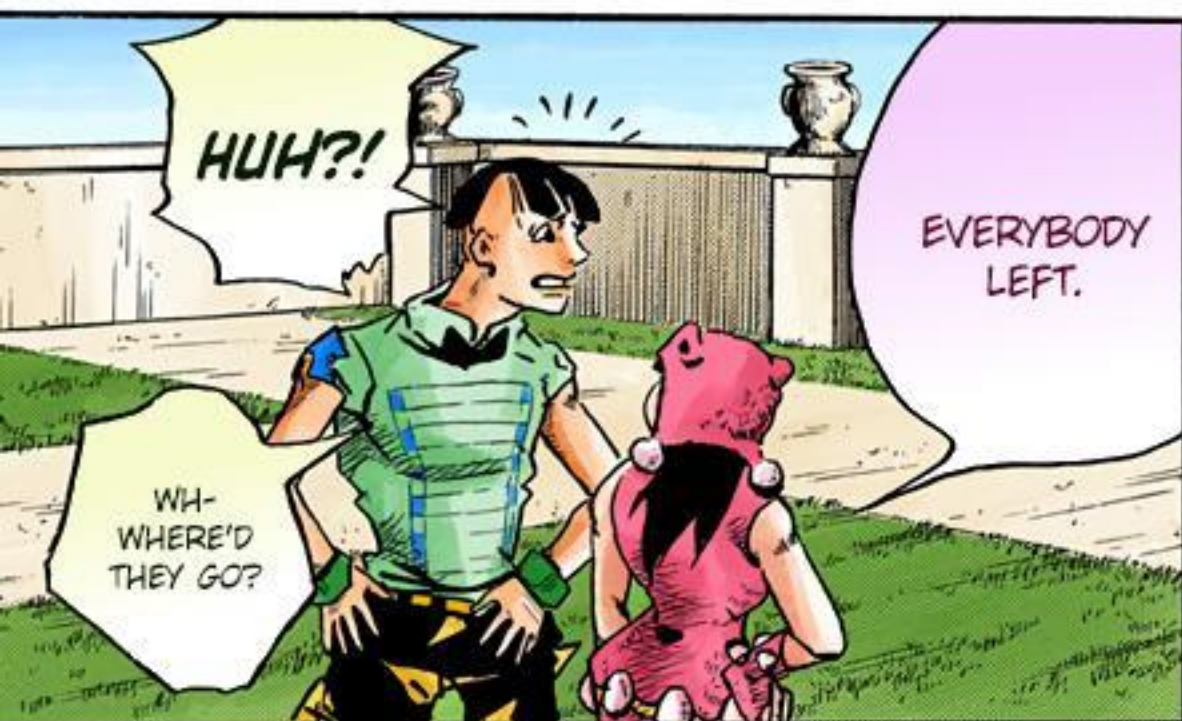
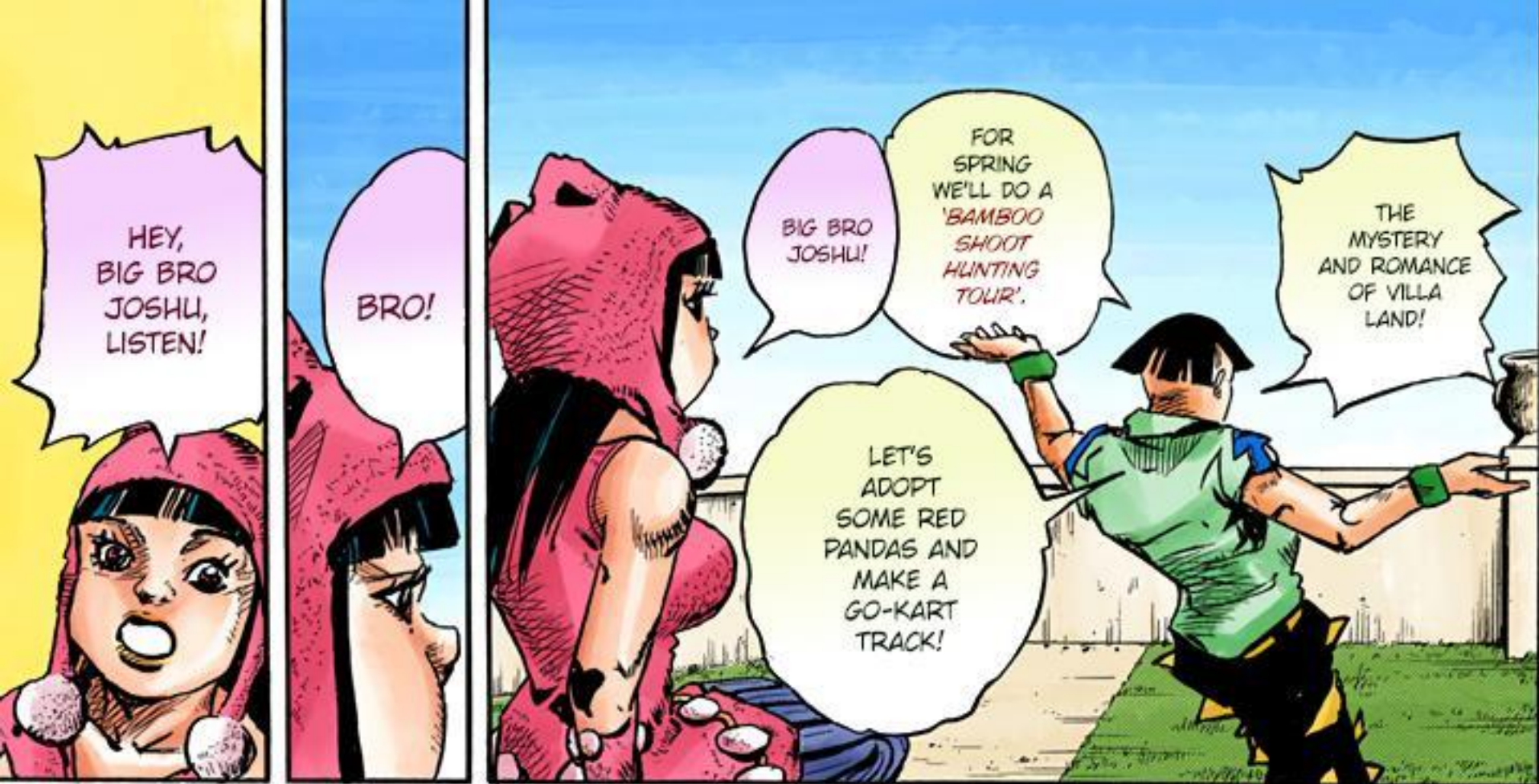


UH, ARE  
THERE ANY  
'MATSUTAKE  
MUSHROOMS'  
GROWING  
ON OUR  
LAND?

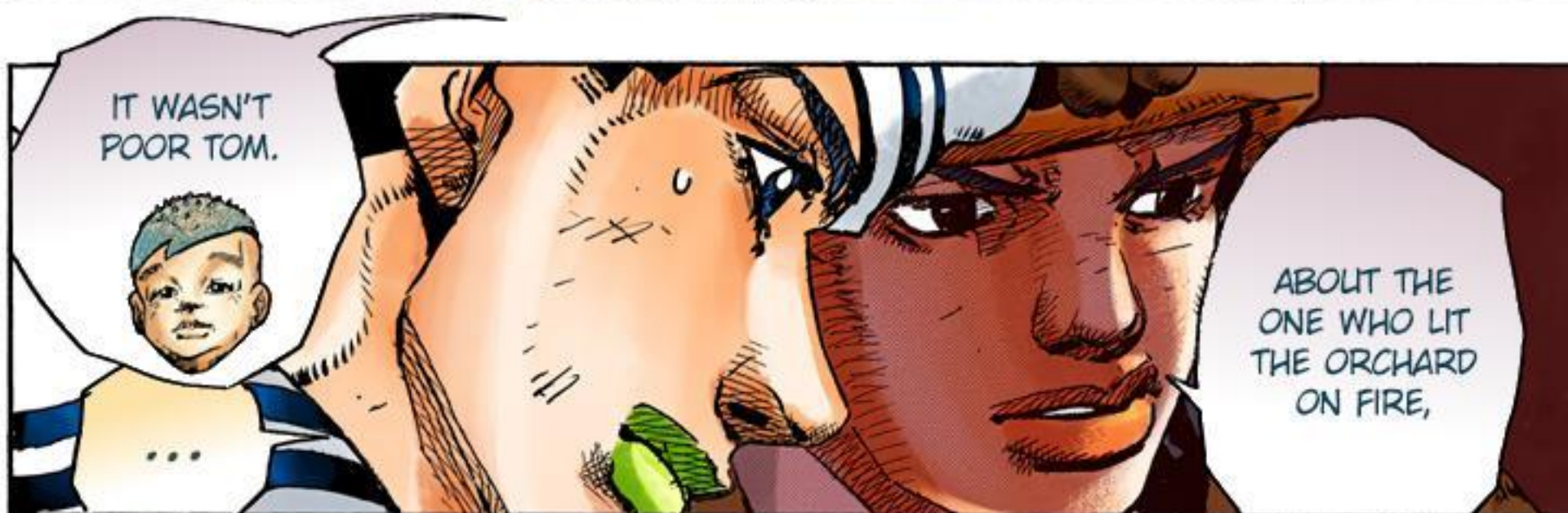
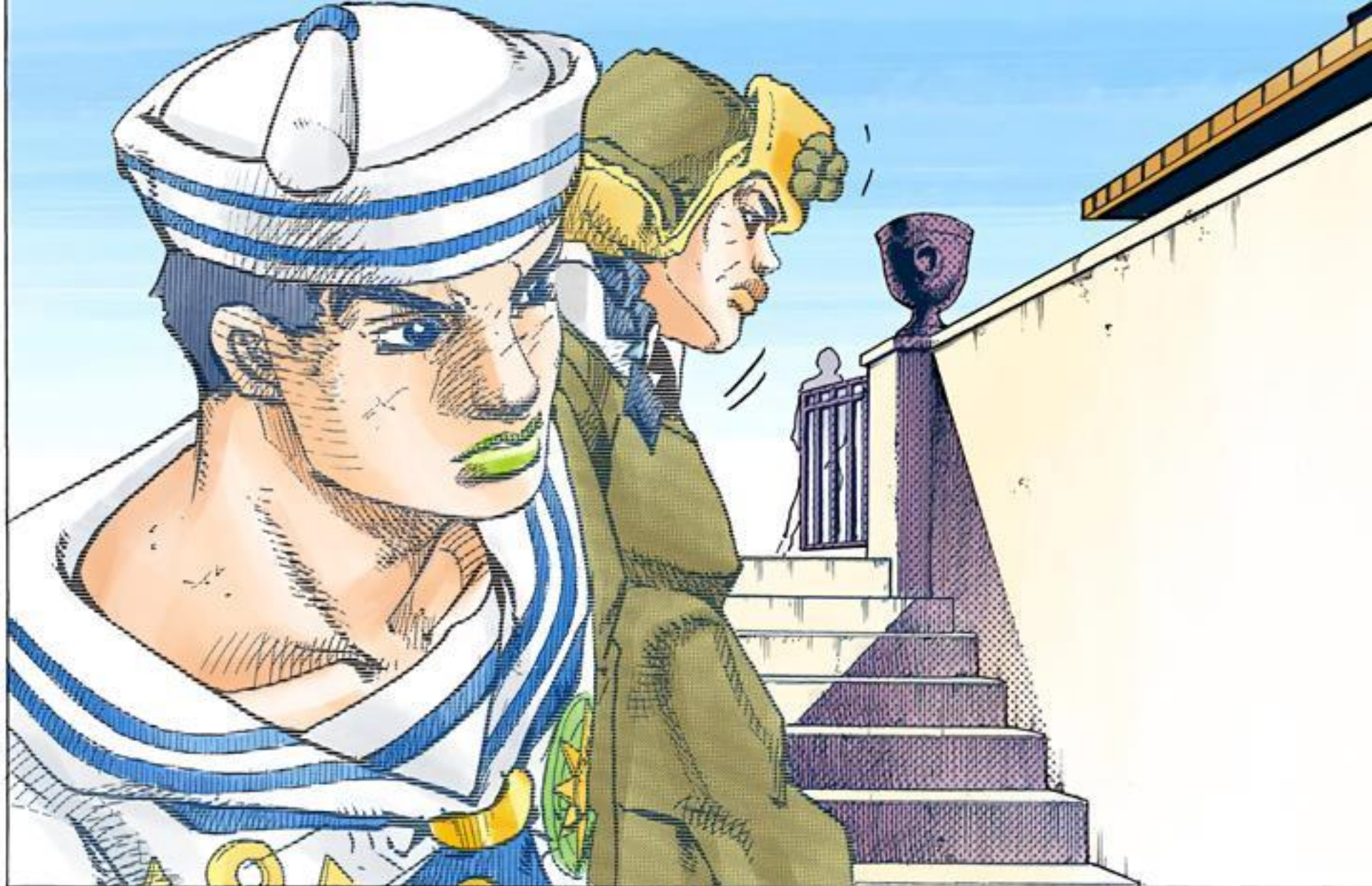


MUSHROOM  
HUNTING?





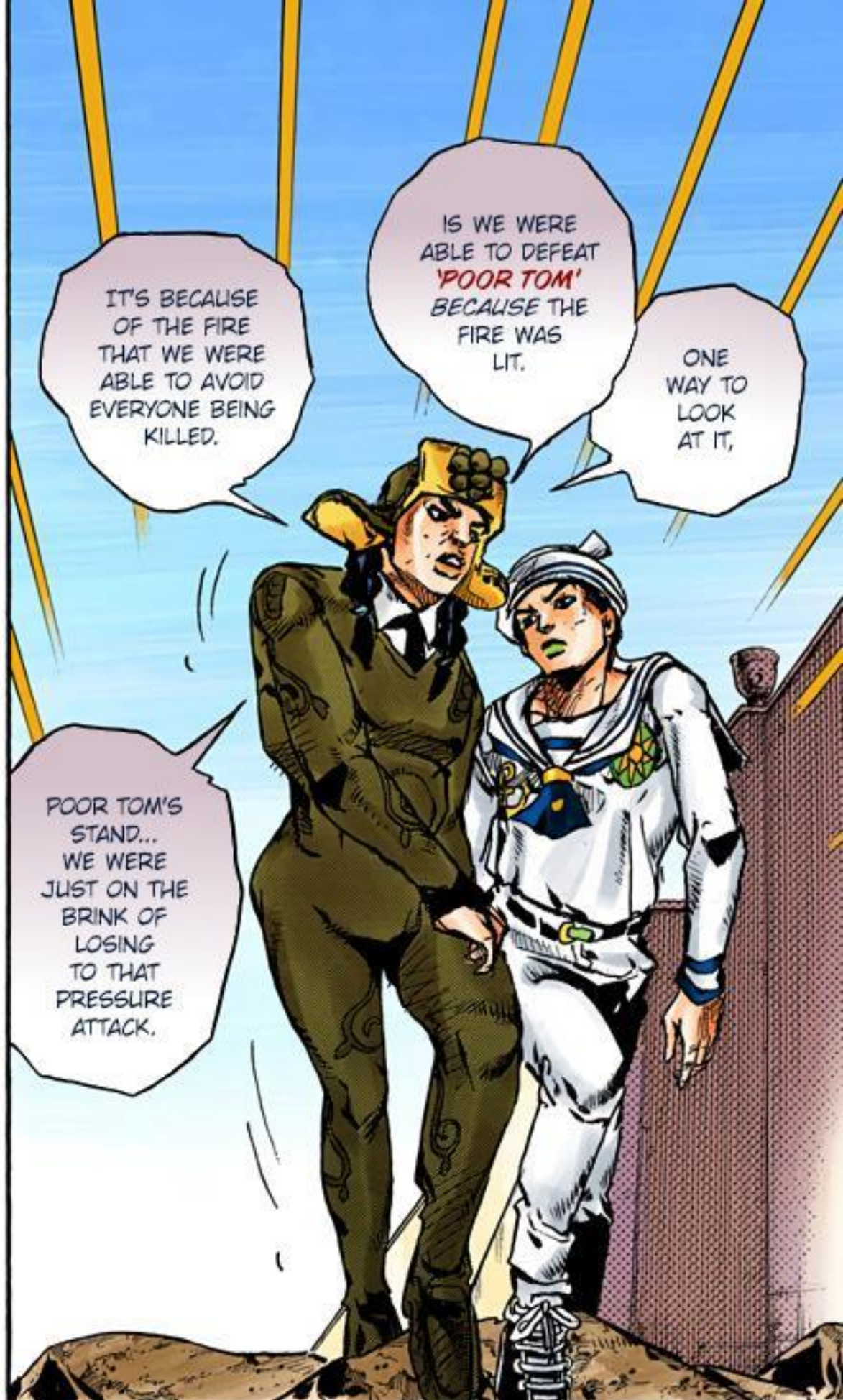




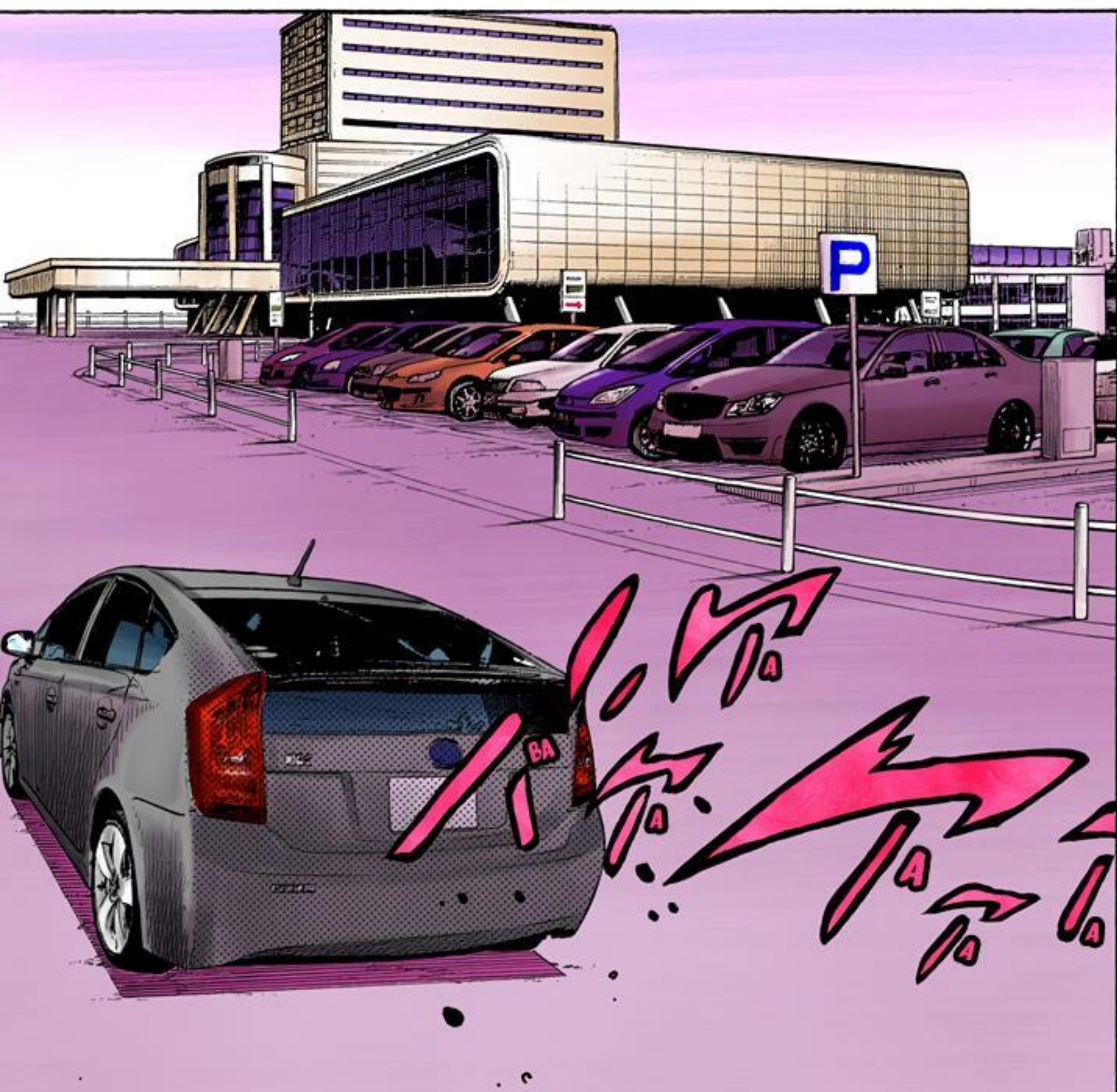
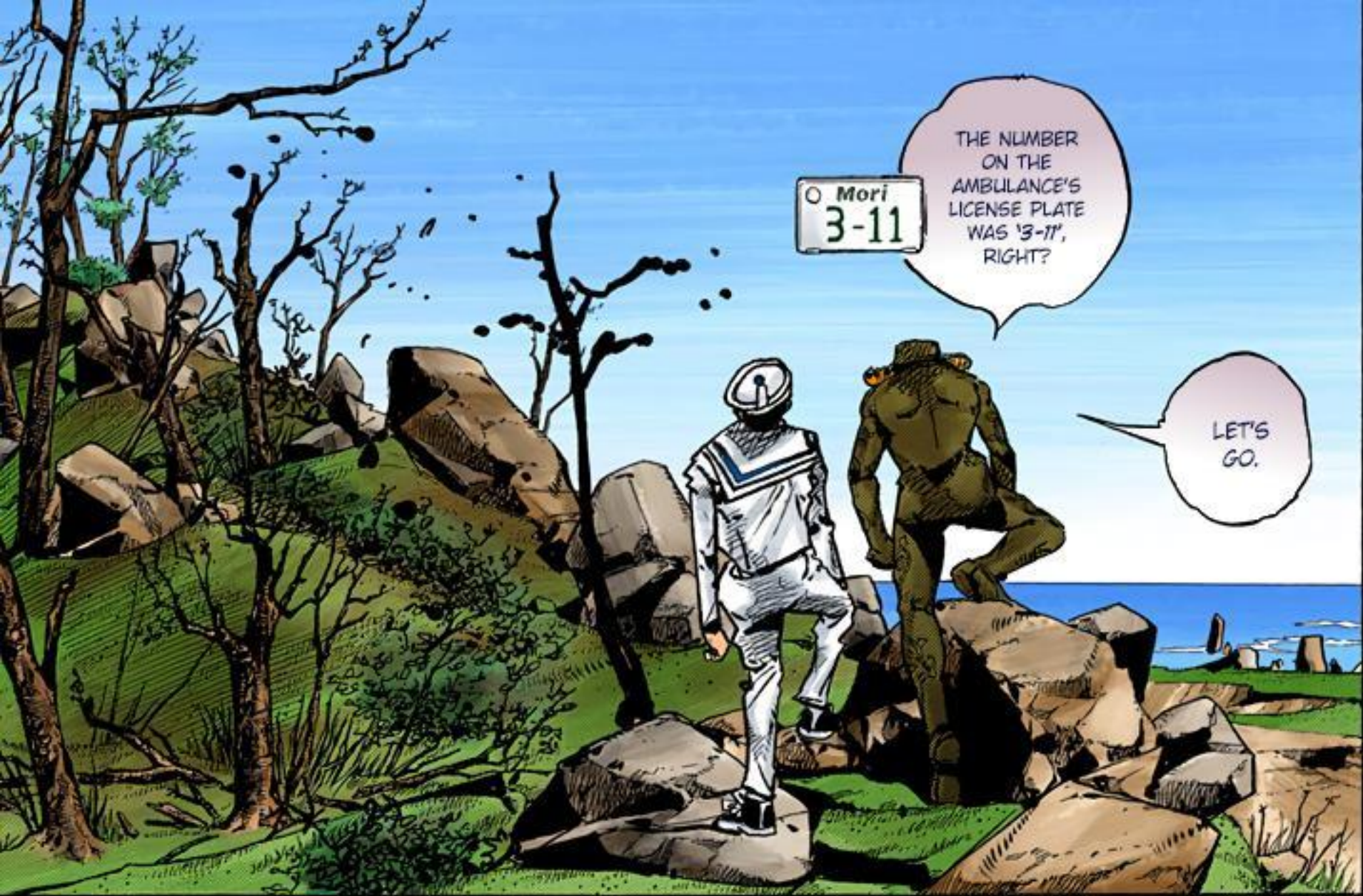




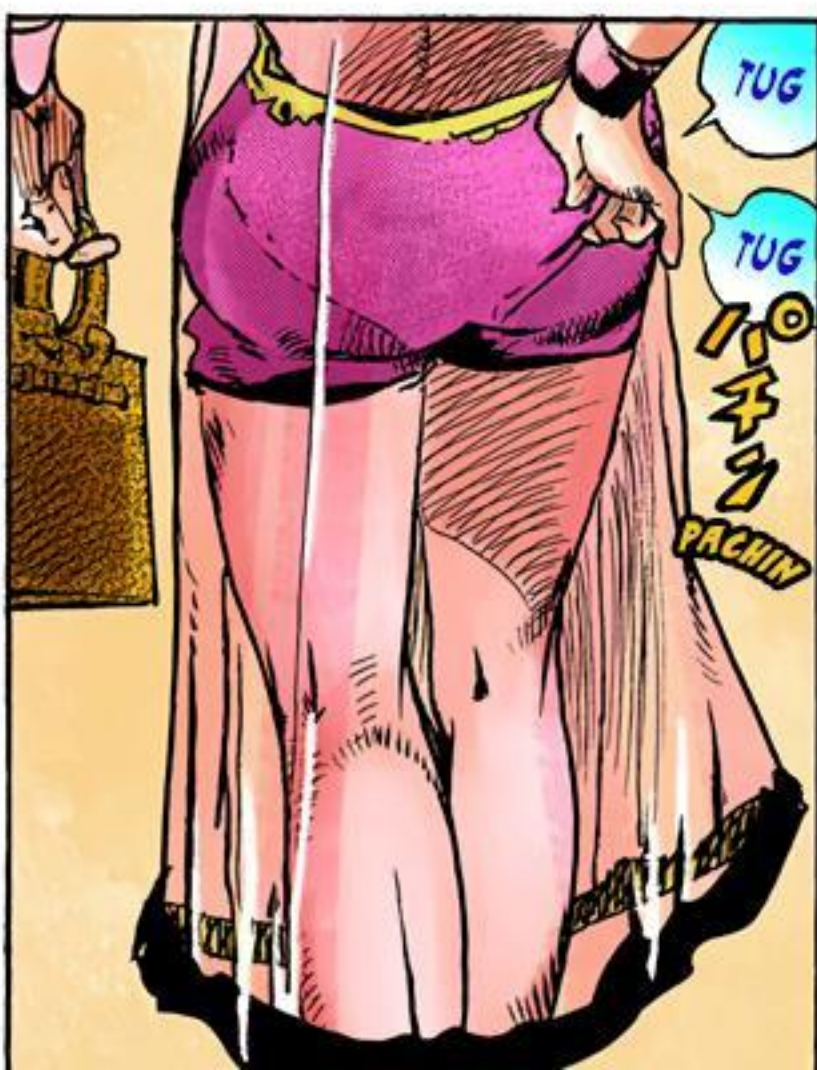
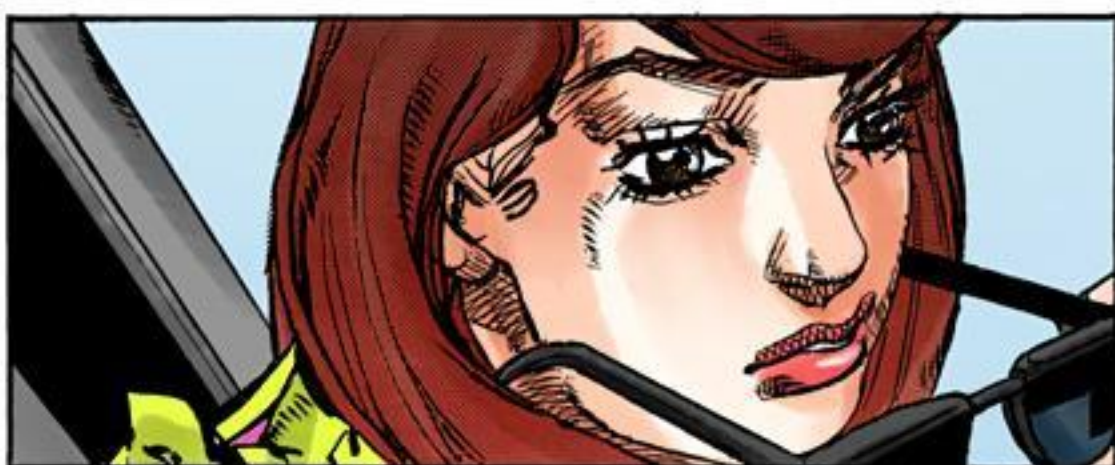




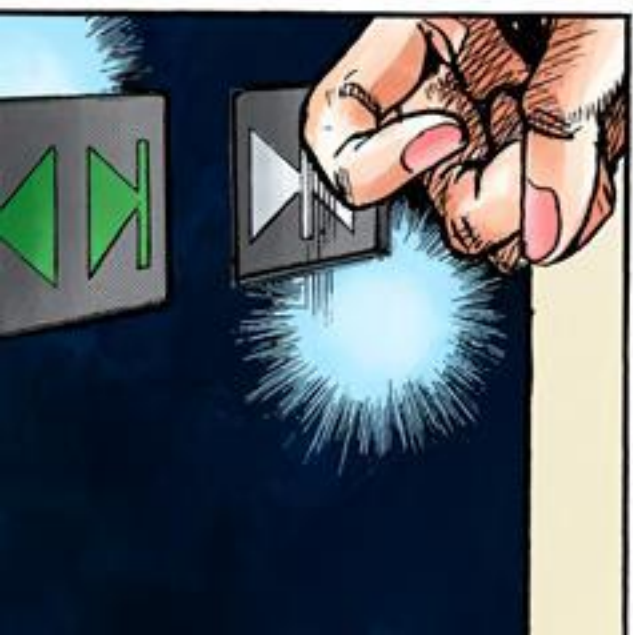




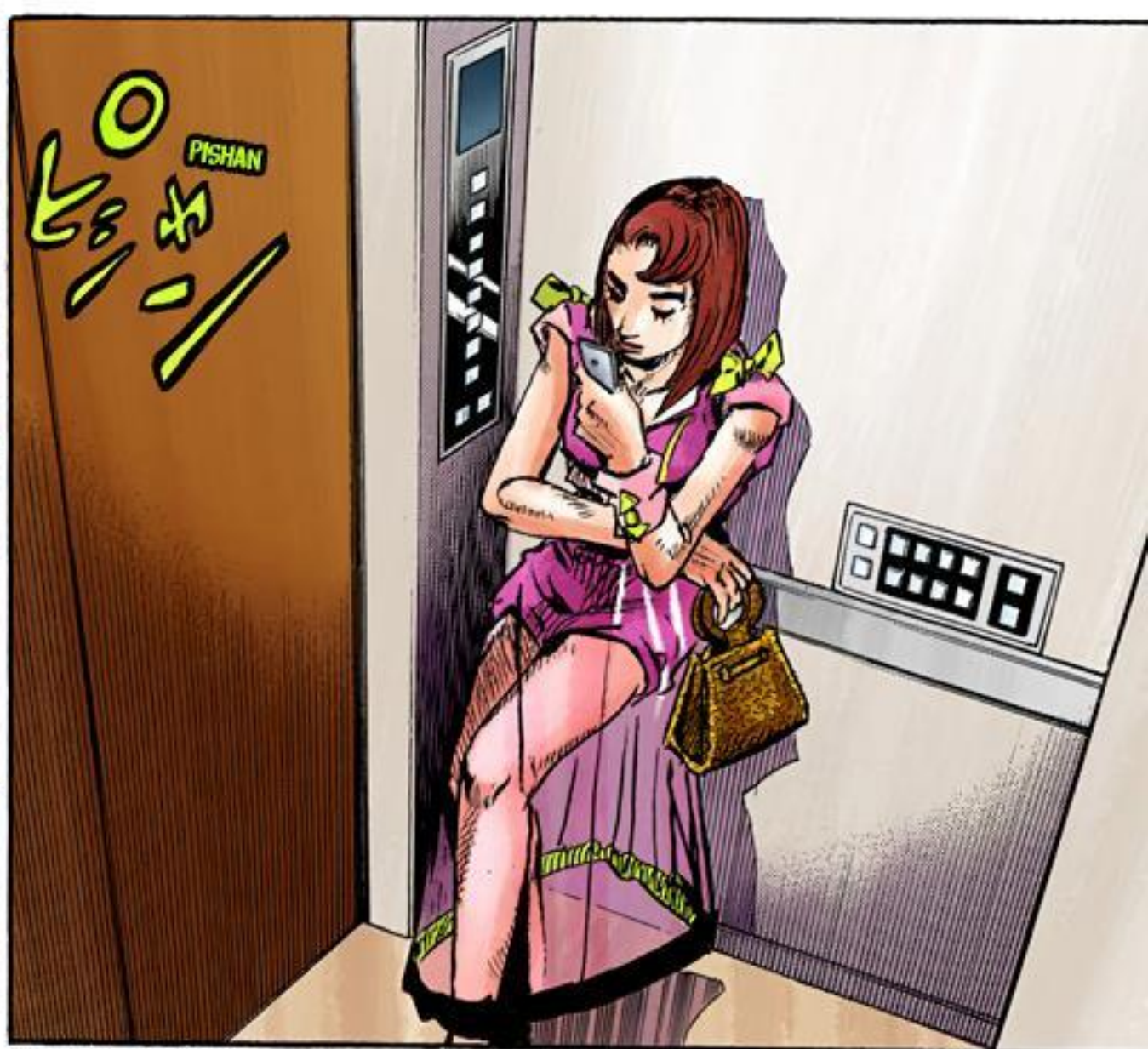




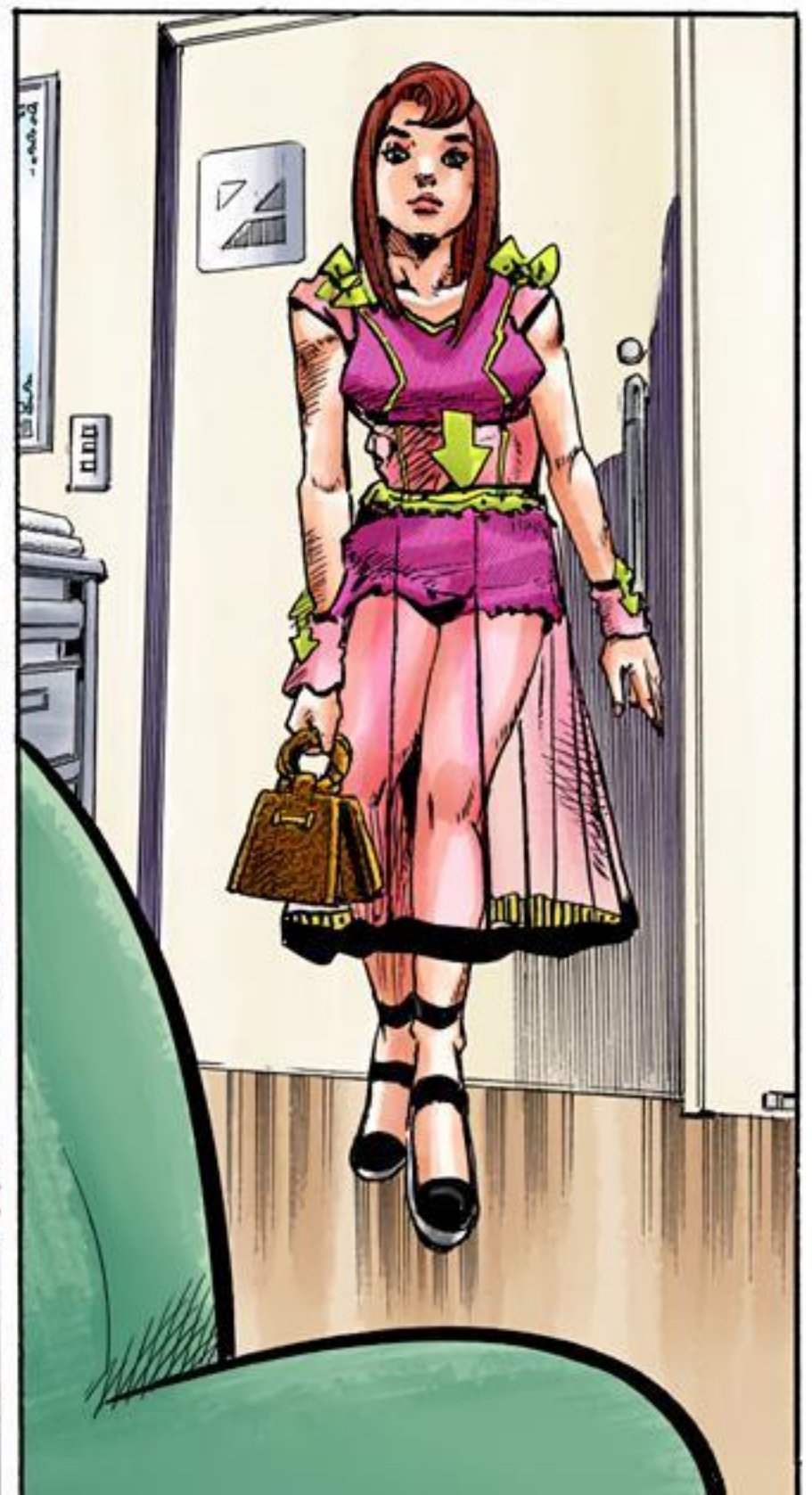
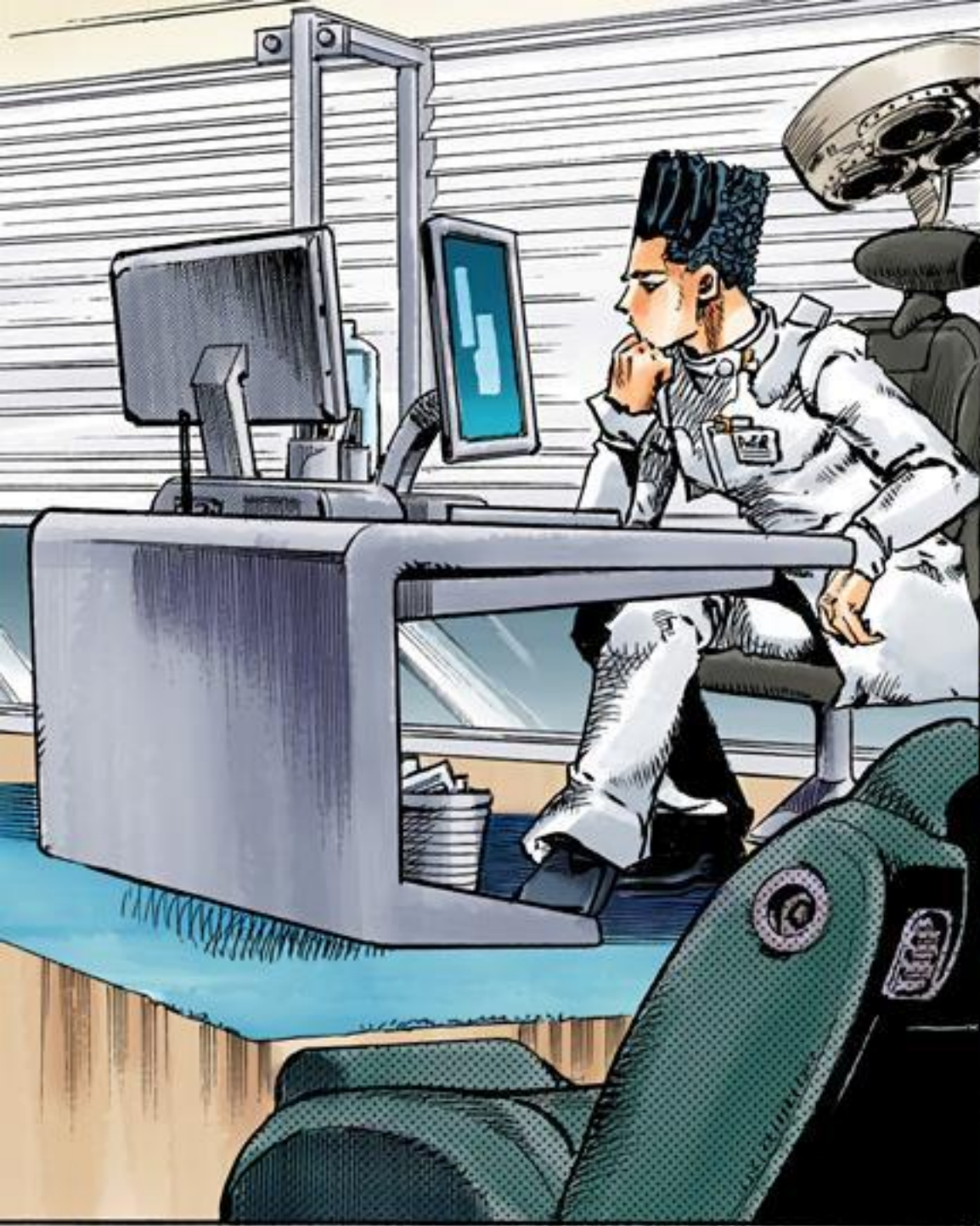




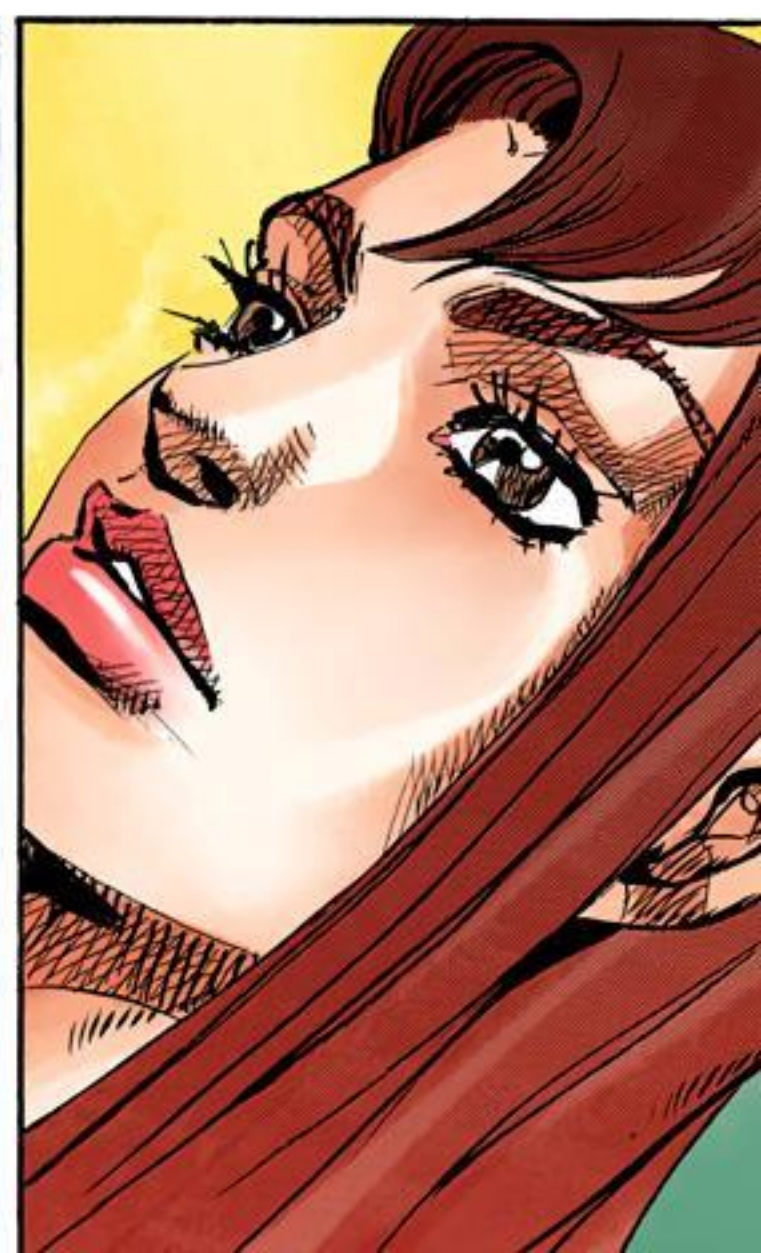
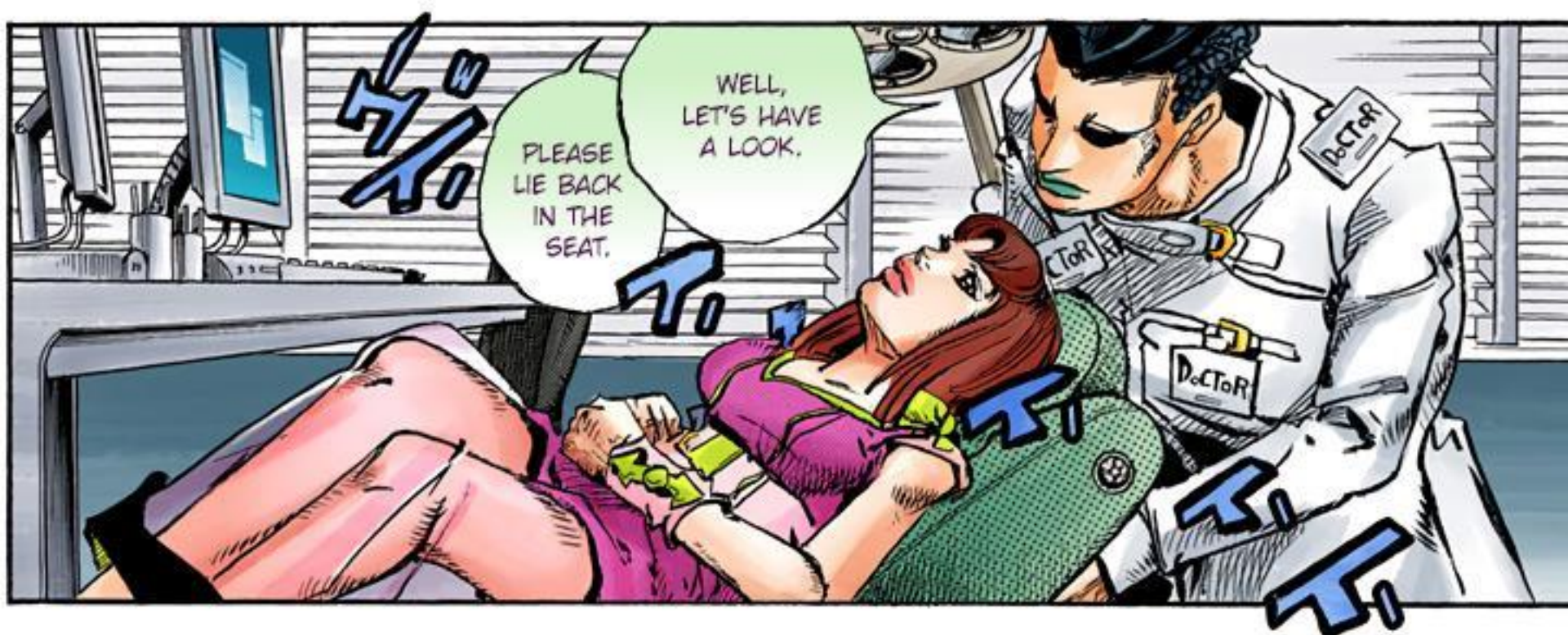
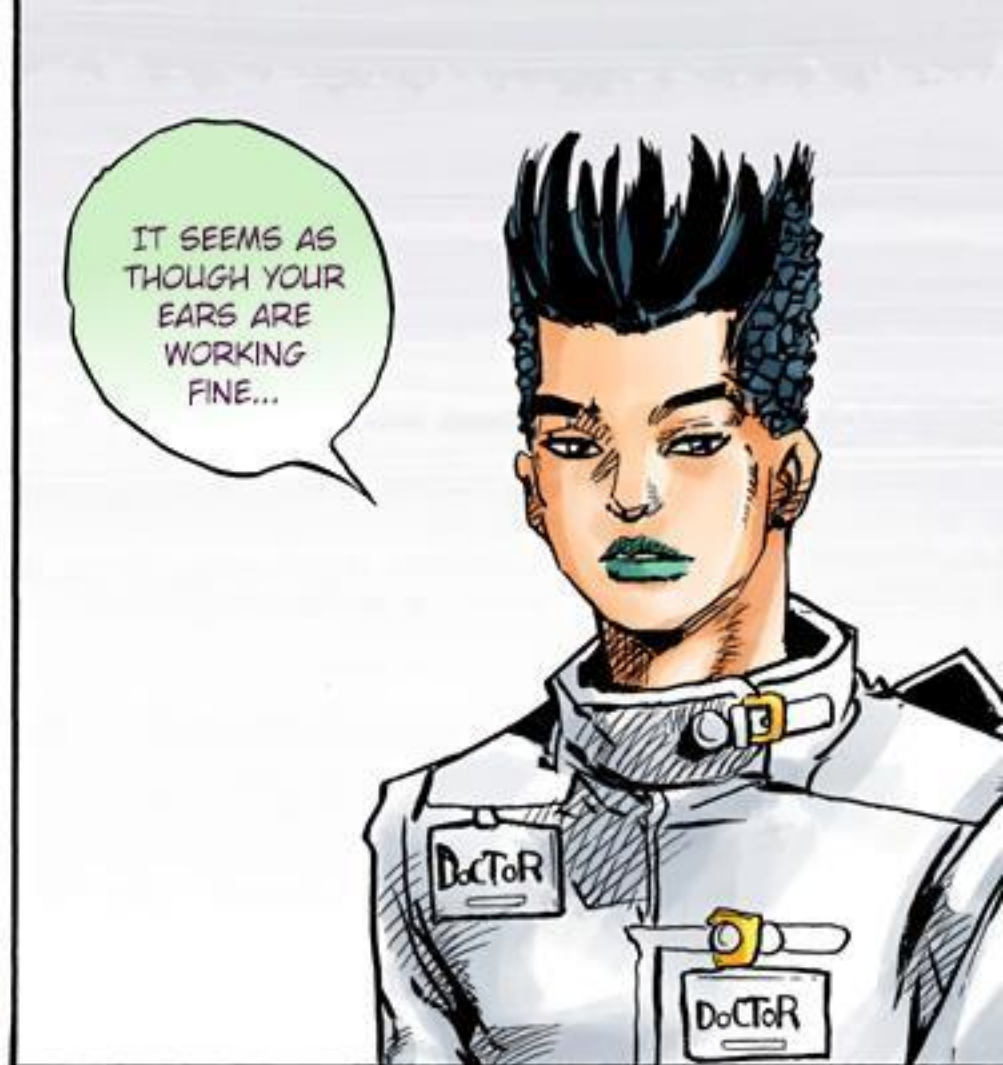
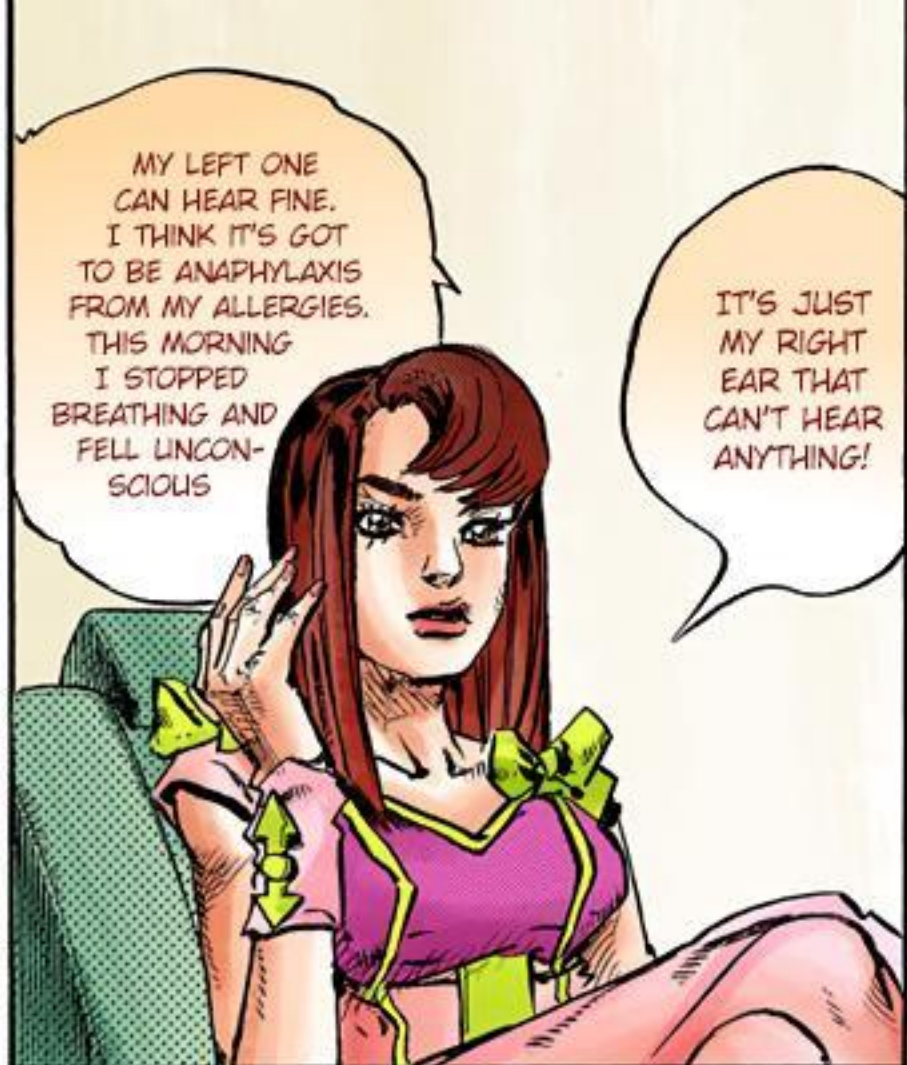




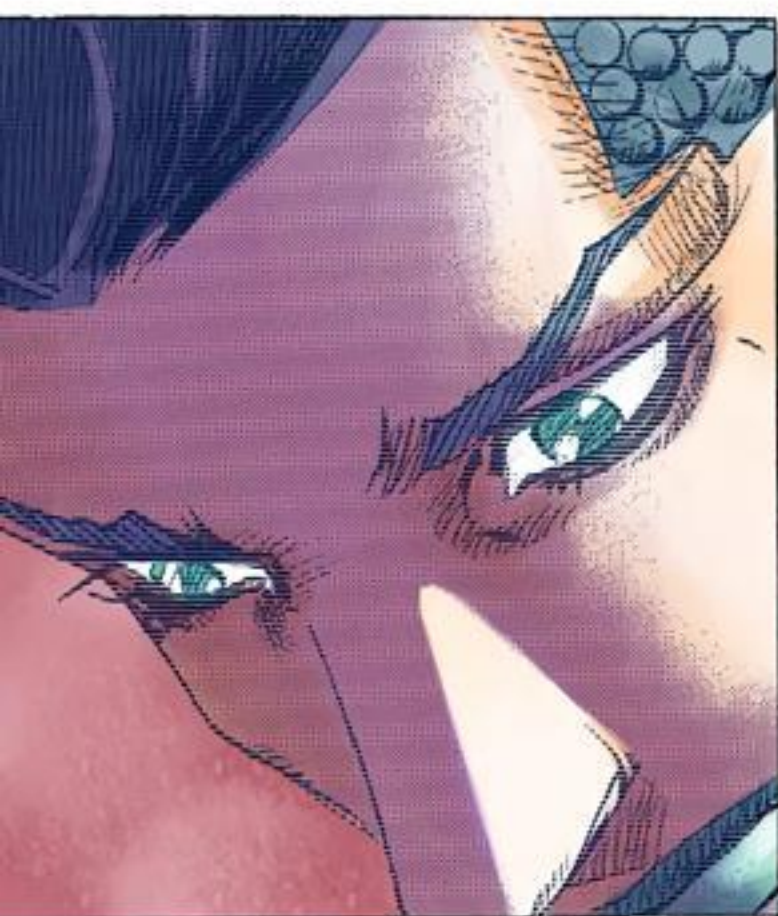




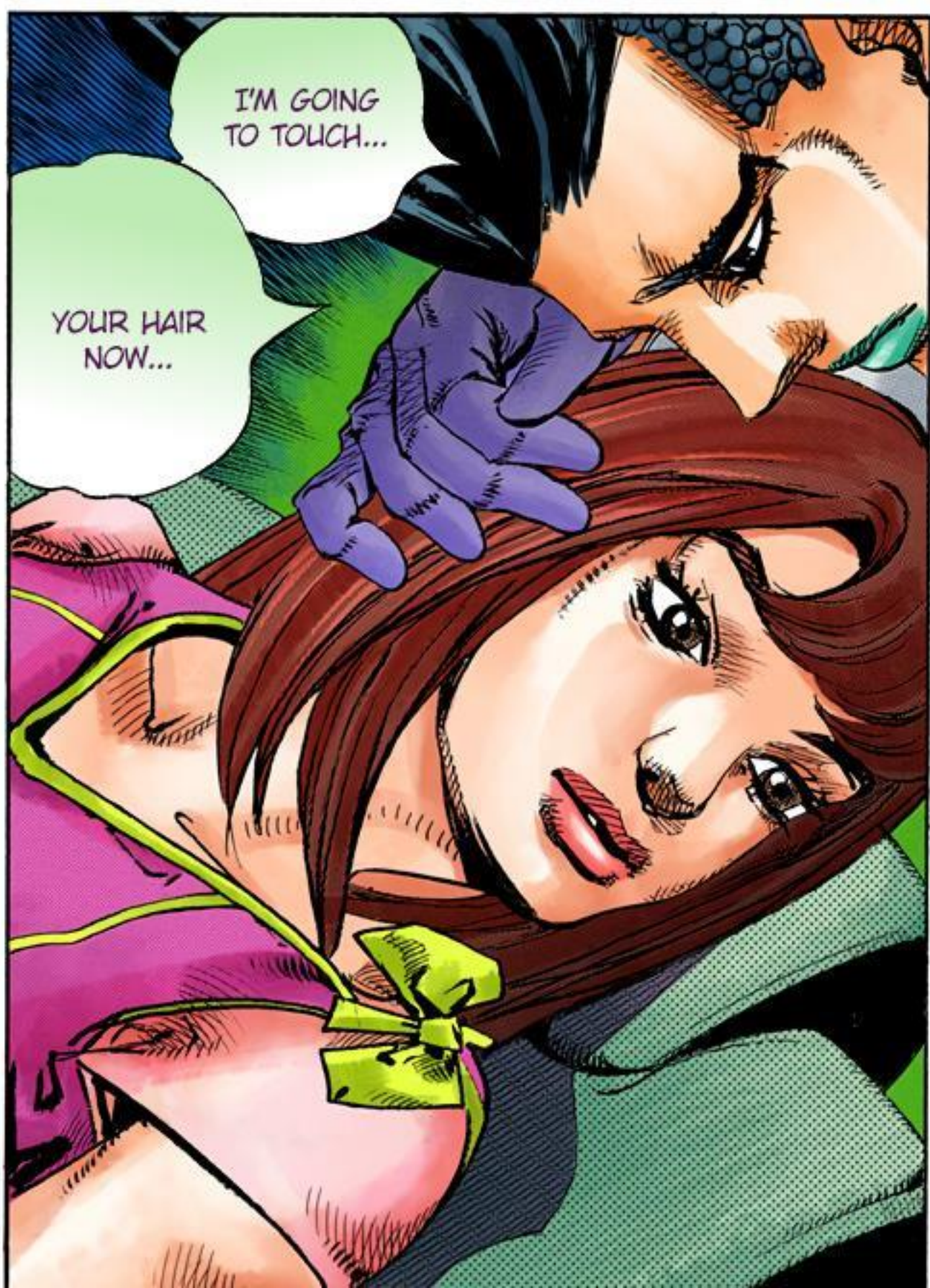
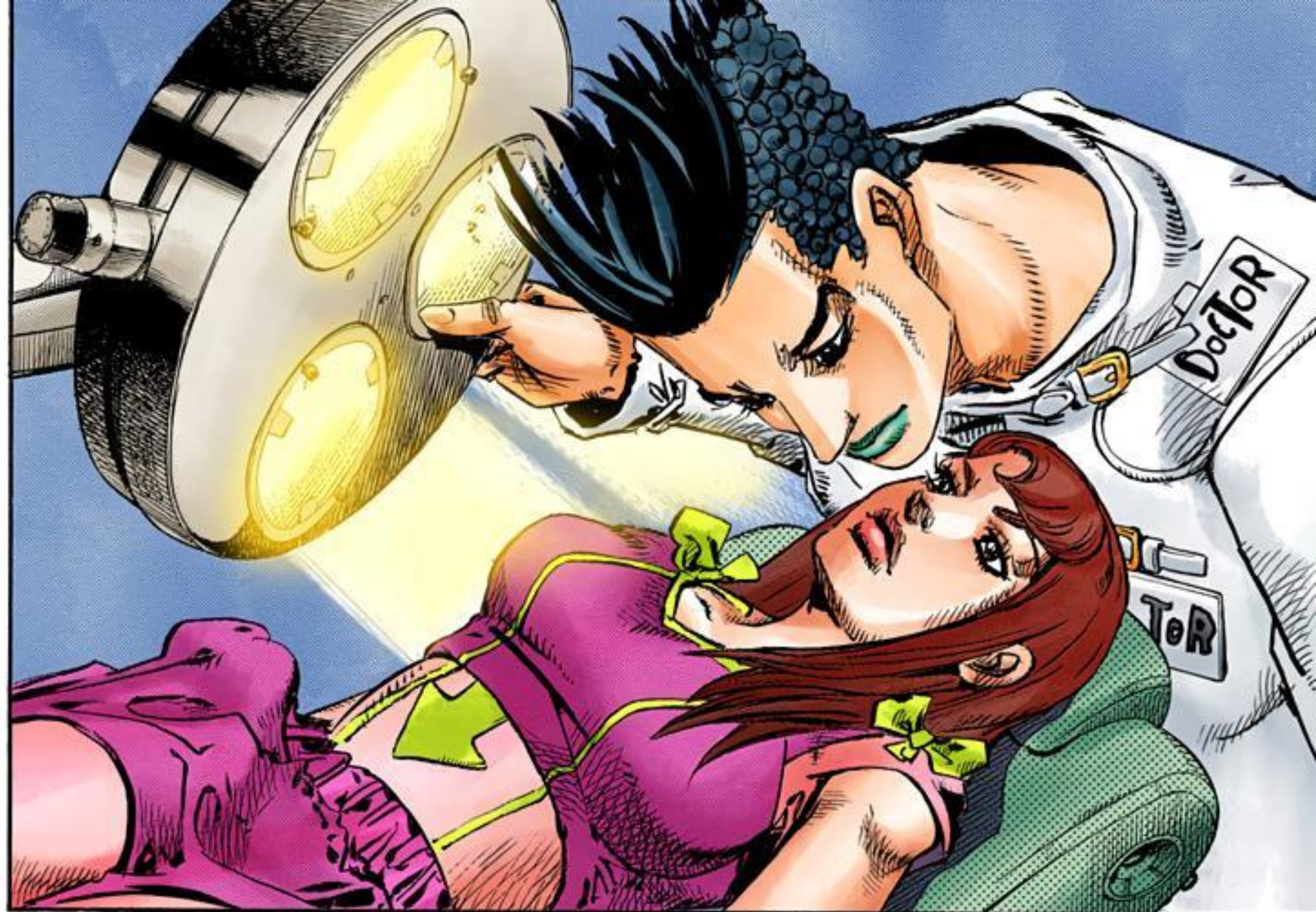




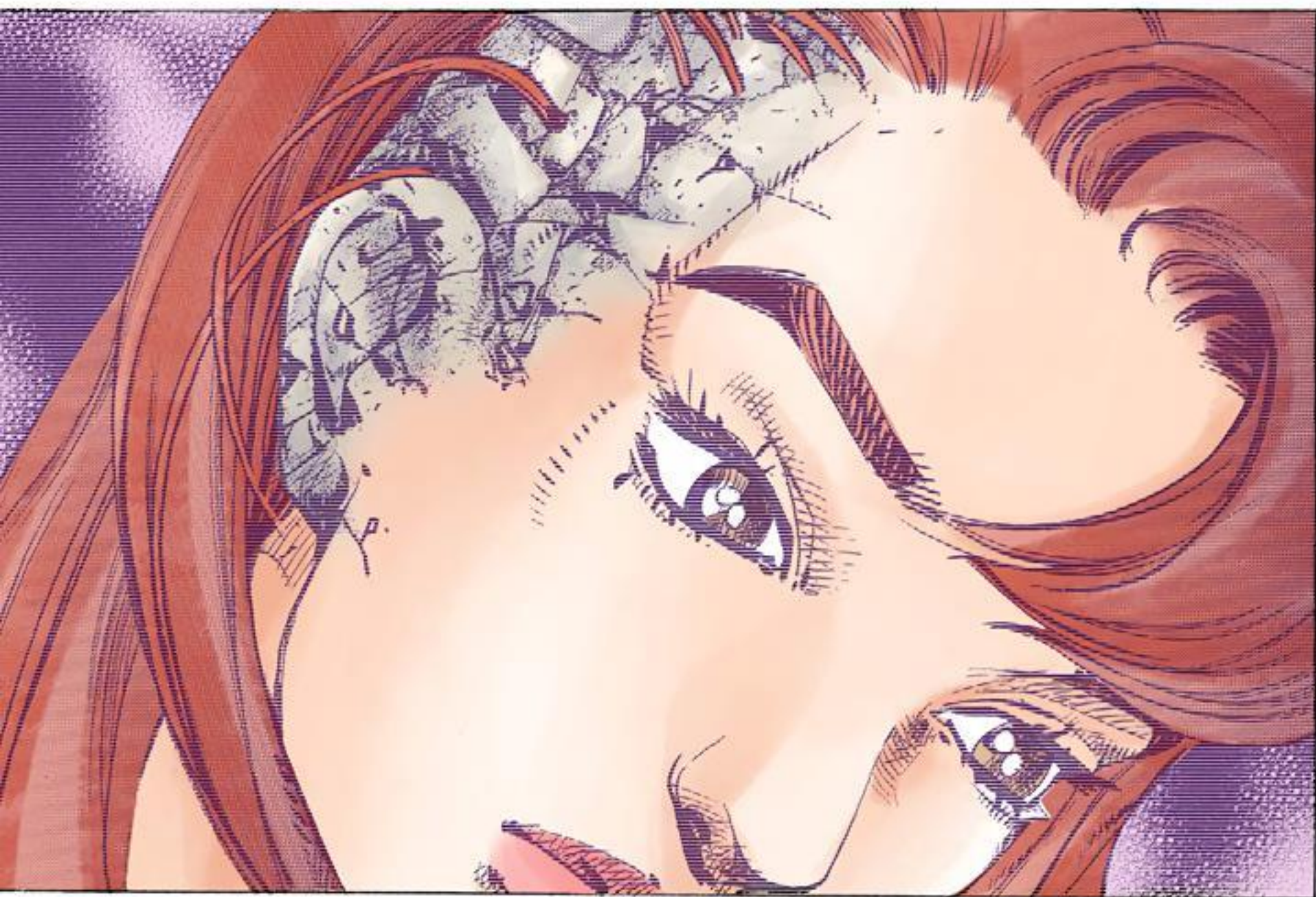




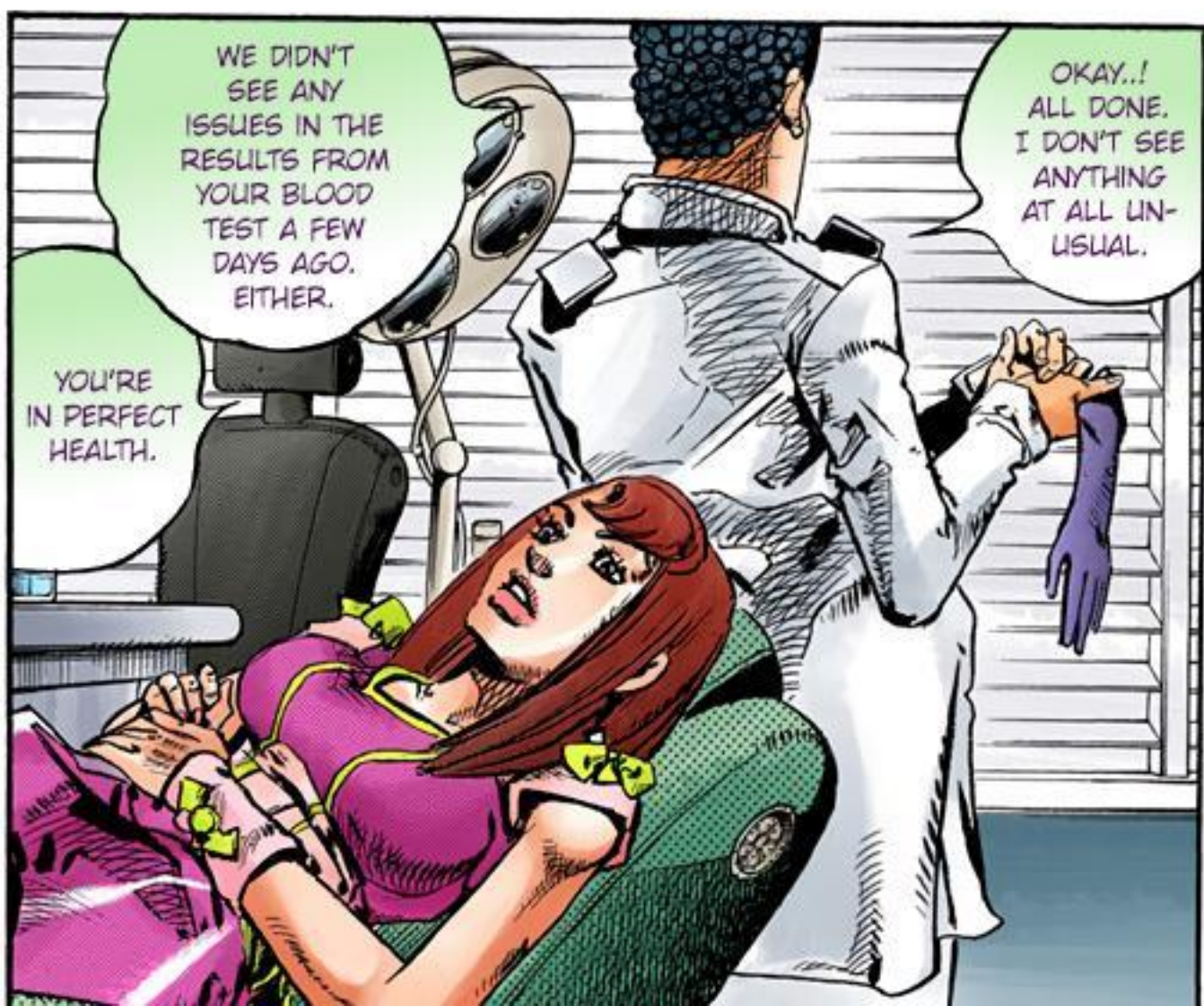
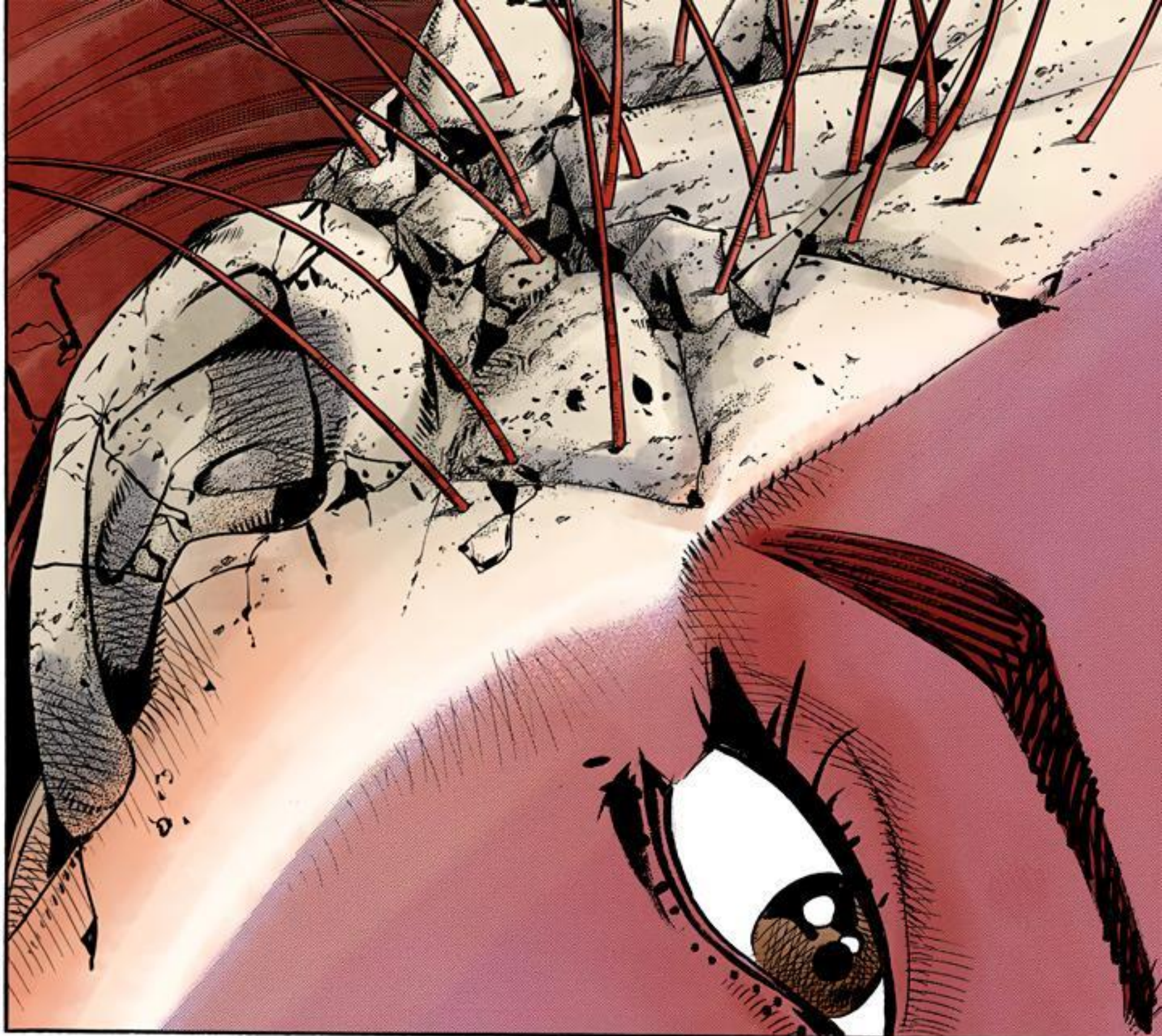




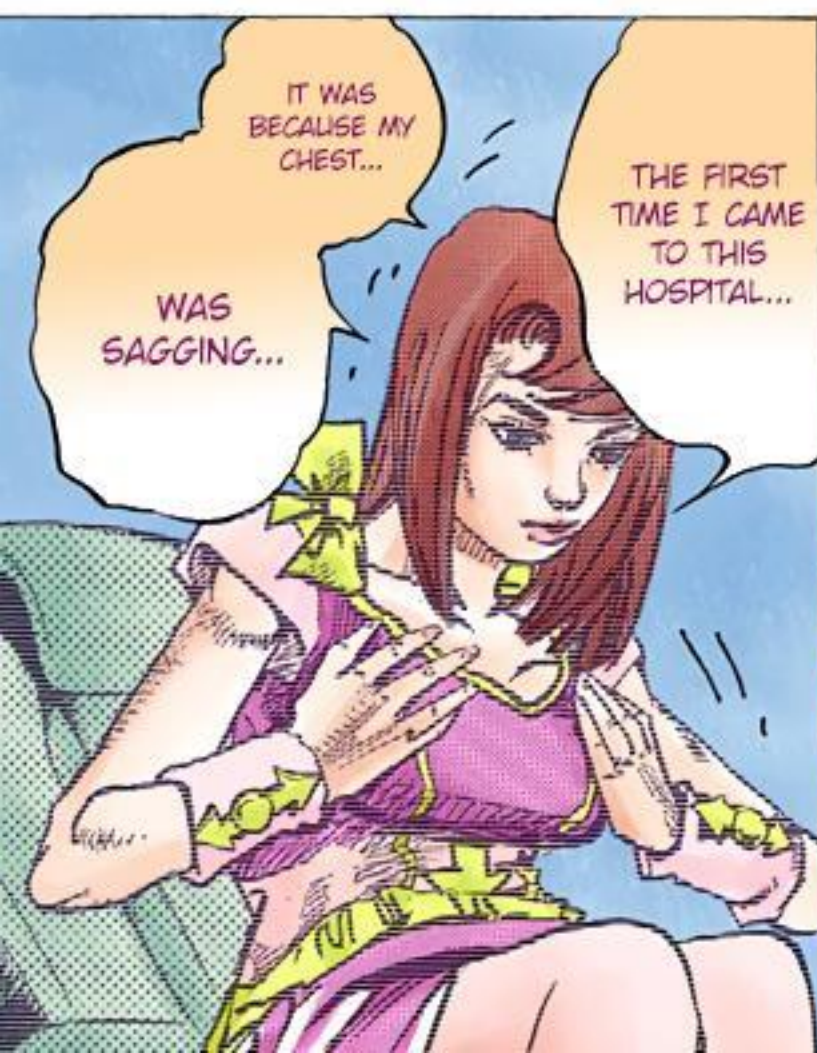




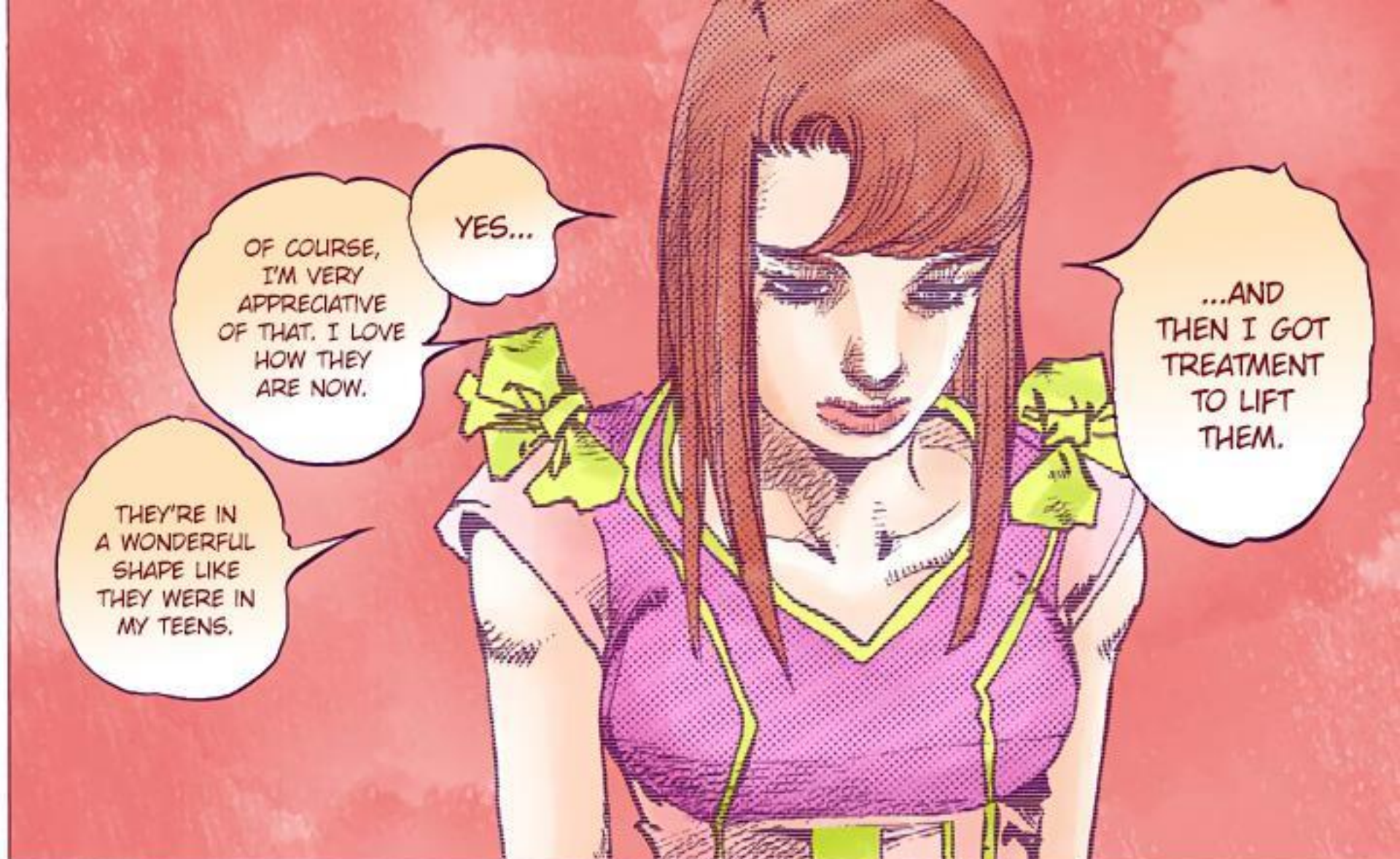












OF COURSE, I'M VERY APPRECIATIVE OF THAT. I LOVE HOW THEY ARE NOW.

YES...

...AND THEN I GOT TREATMENT TO LIFT THEM.

THEY'RE IN A WONDERFUL SHAPE LIKE THEY WERE IN MY TEENS.



THE SHAPE OF YOUR BREASTS AND YOUR TEETH ARE COMPLETELY UNRELATED.

I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANY CAUSAL RELATION TO THIS MATTER.

WHAT'S MORE, BOTH OF THEM HAVE BEEN FULLY TREATED.

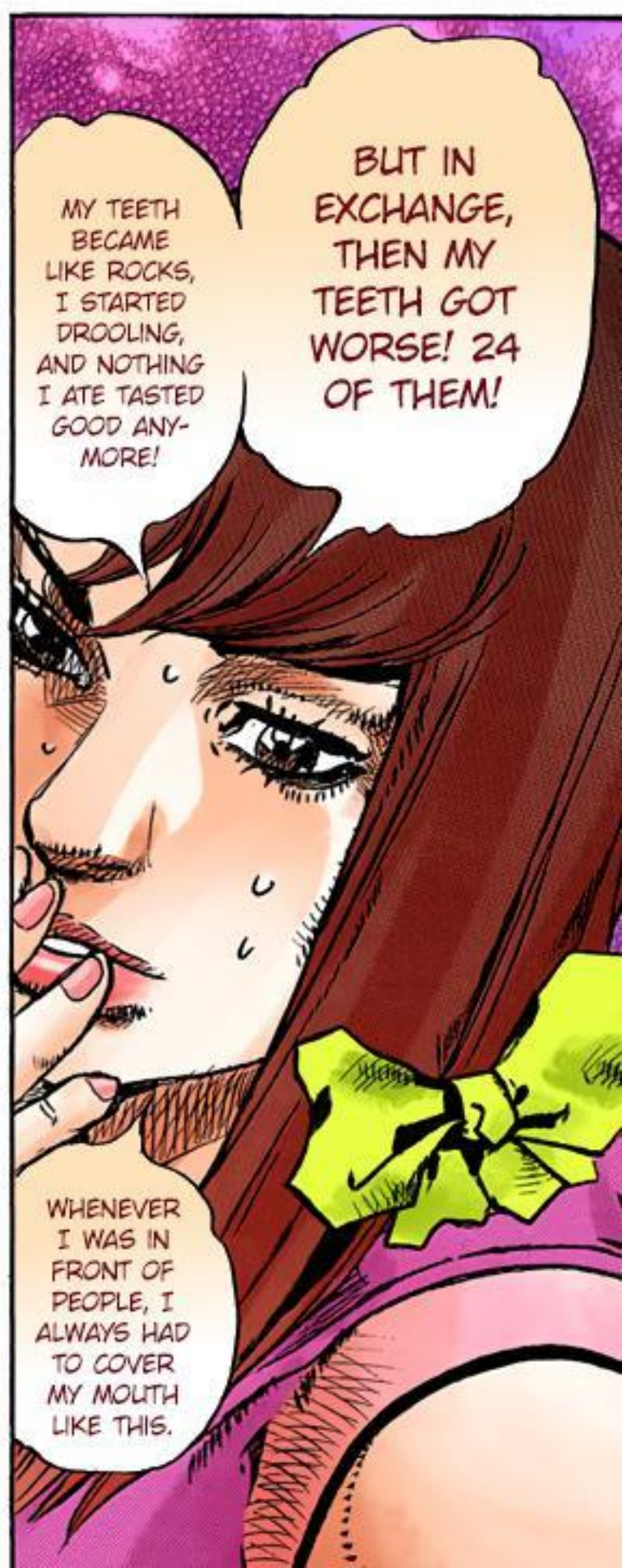


HIGASHIKATA-SAN.



AND NOW... MY RIGHT EAR IS LIKE THIS! IT'S LIKE A ROCK, I CAN'T HEAR ANYTHING!!

FIRST YOU DID MY BREASTS... AND THEN TREATED MY TEETH,

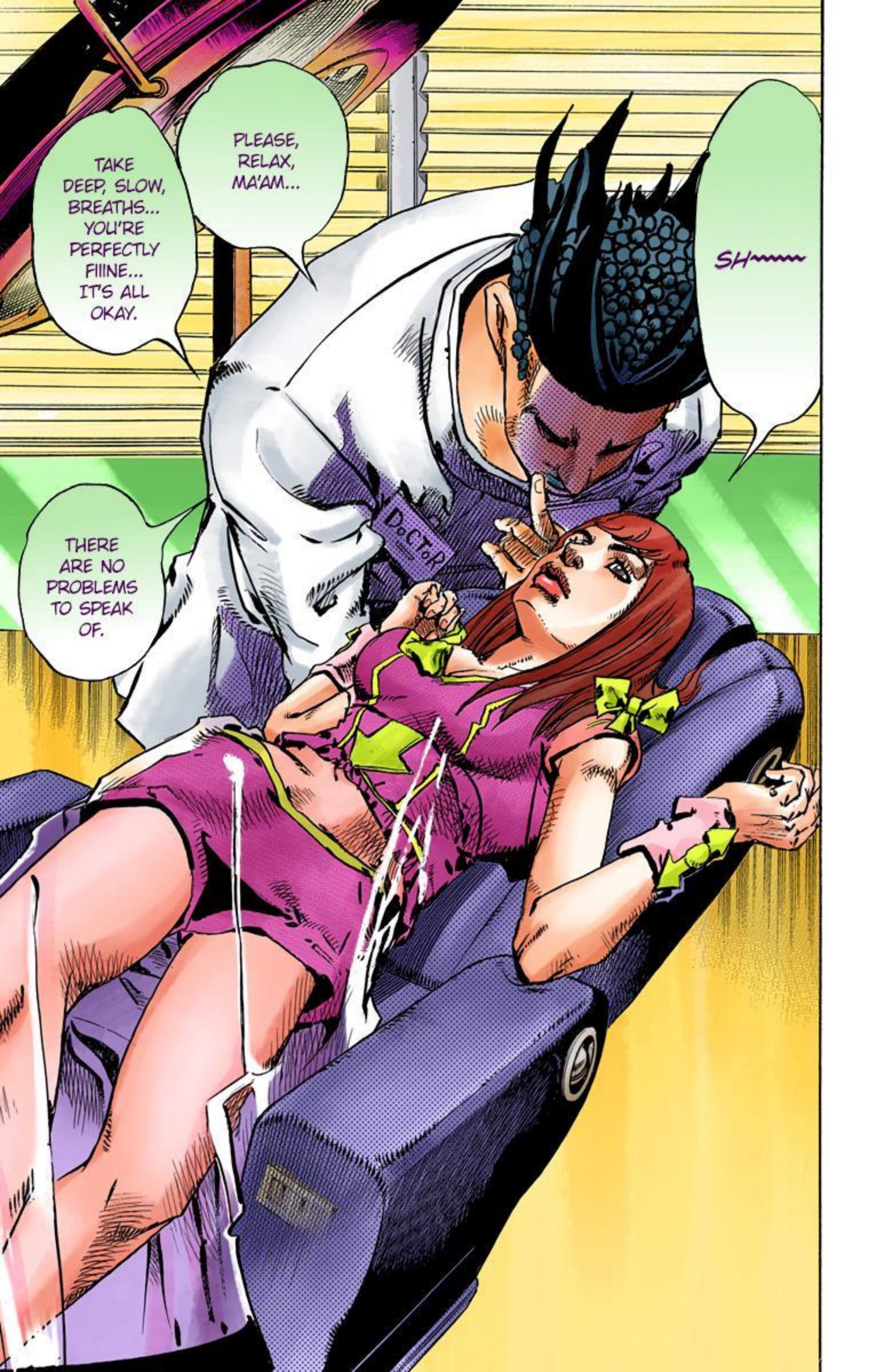


MY TEETH BECAME LIKE ROCKS, I STARTED DROOLING, AND NOTHING I ATE TASTED GOOD ANY-MORE!

BUT IN EXCHANGE, THEN MY TEETH GOT WORSE! 24 OF THEM!

WHENEVER I WAS IN FRONT OF PEOPLE, I ALWAYS HAD TO COVER MY MOUTH LIKE THIS.





PLEASE,  
RELAX,  
MA'AM...

TAKE  
DEEP, SLOW,  
BREATHS...  
YOU'RE  
PERFECTLY  
FINE...  
IT'S ALL  
OKAY.

SHmm

DOCTOR

THERE  
ARE NO  
PROBLEMS  
TO SPEAK  
OF.





GO RIGHT AHEAD.

...NO.



DO YOU MIND IF I INDULGE?

WOULD YOU MIND IF I DRANK SOME? IT'S A SUPPLEMENT WITH A HIGH CONCENTRATION OF SILICON.

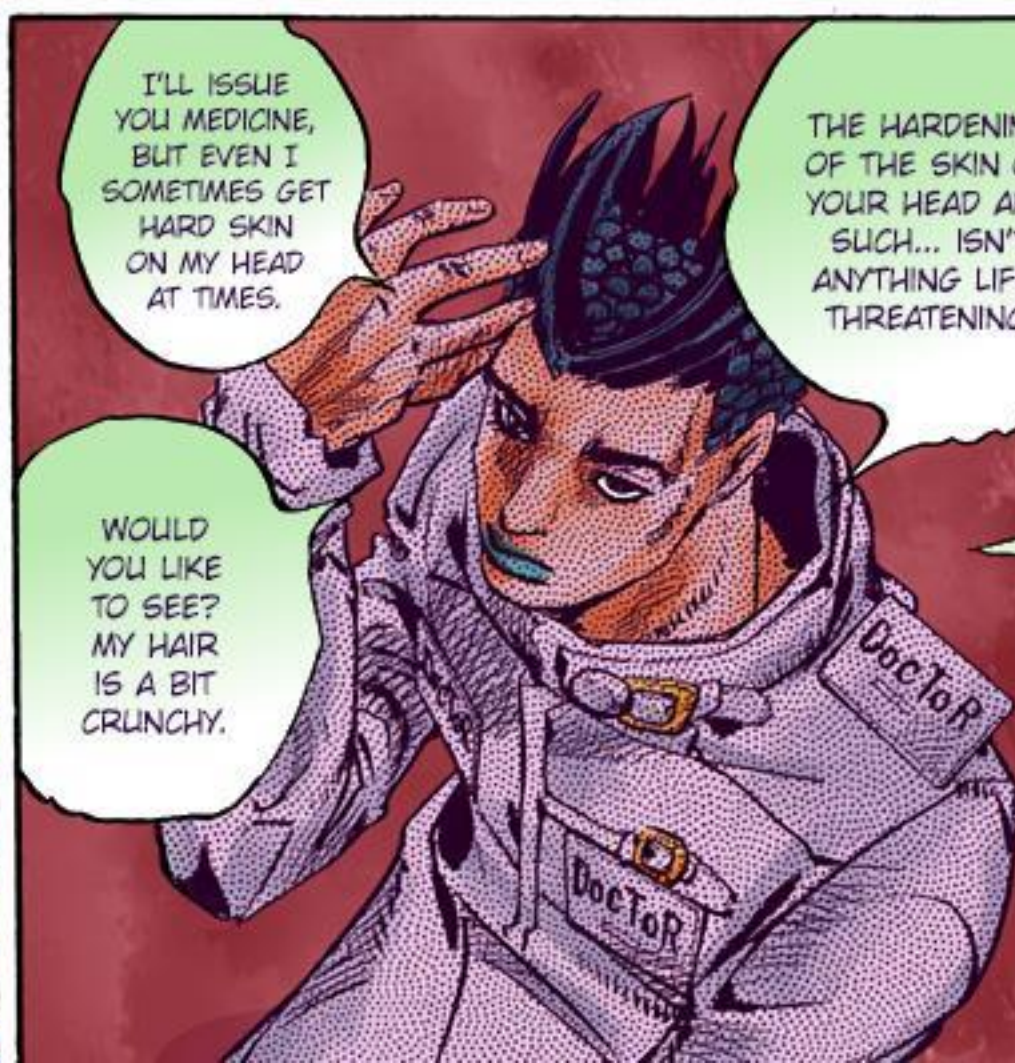
WATER.



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NO THANKS.



I'LL ISSUE YOU MEDICINE, BUT EVEN I SOMETIMES GET HARD SKIN ON MY HEAD AT TIMES.

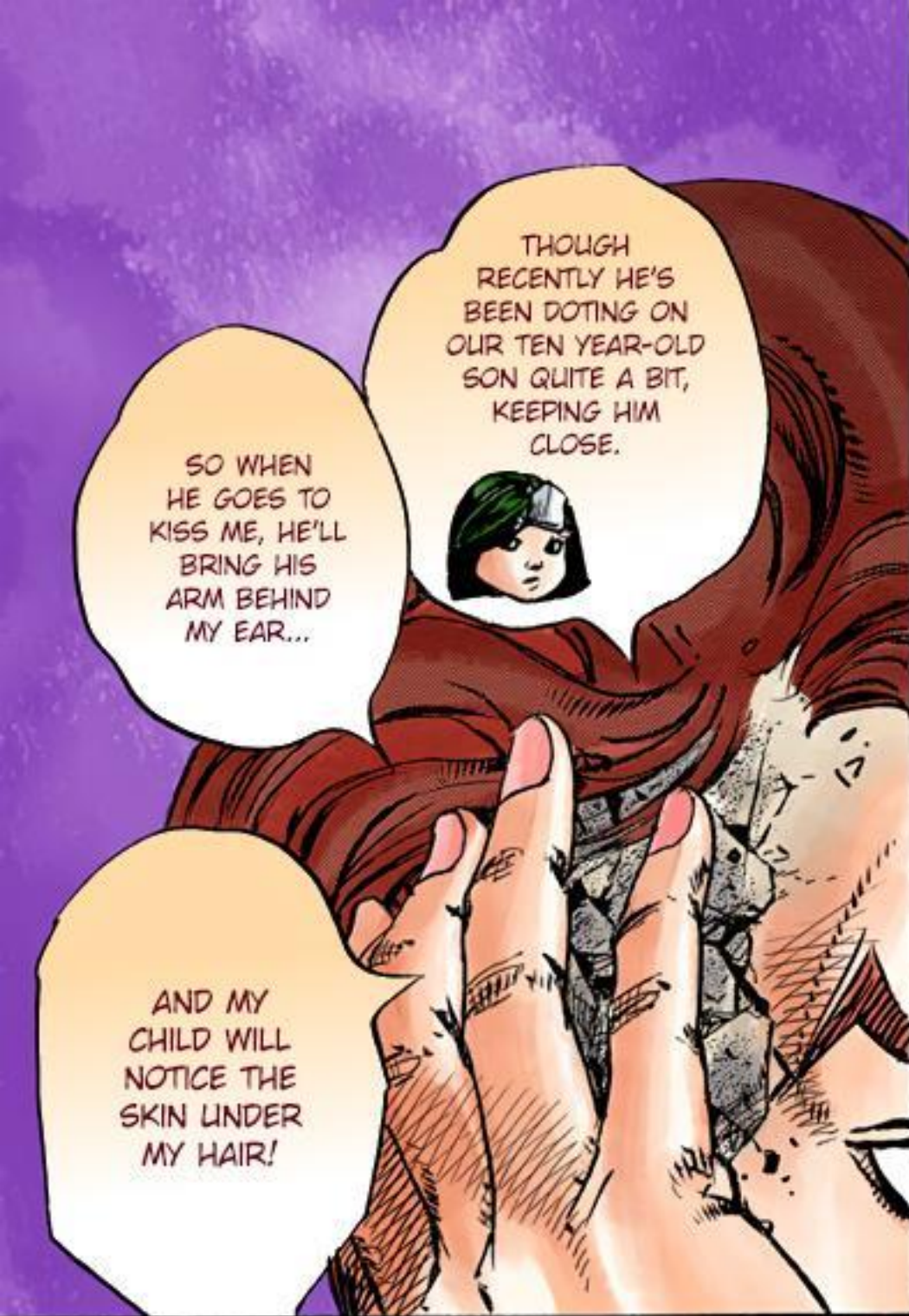
WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE? MY HAIR IS A BIT CRUNCHY.

THE HARDENING OF THE SKIN ON YOUR HEAD AND SUCH... ISN'T ANYTHING LIFE-THREATENING.

SO, AS I EXPLAINED EARLIER,

THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH YOU.





SO WHEN HE GOES TO KISS ME, HE'LL BRING HIS ARM BEHIND MY EAR...

THOUGH RECENTLY HE'S BEEN DOTING ON OUR TEN YEAR-OLD SON QUITE A BIT, KEEPING HIM CLOSE.



AND MY CHILD WILL NOTICE THE SKIN UNDER MY HAIR!

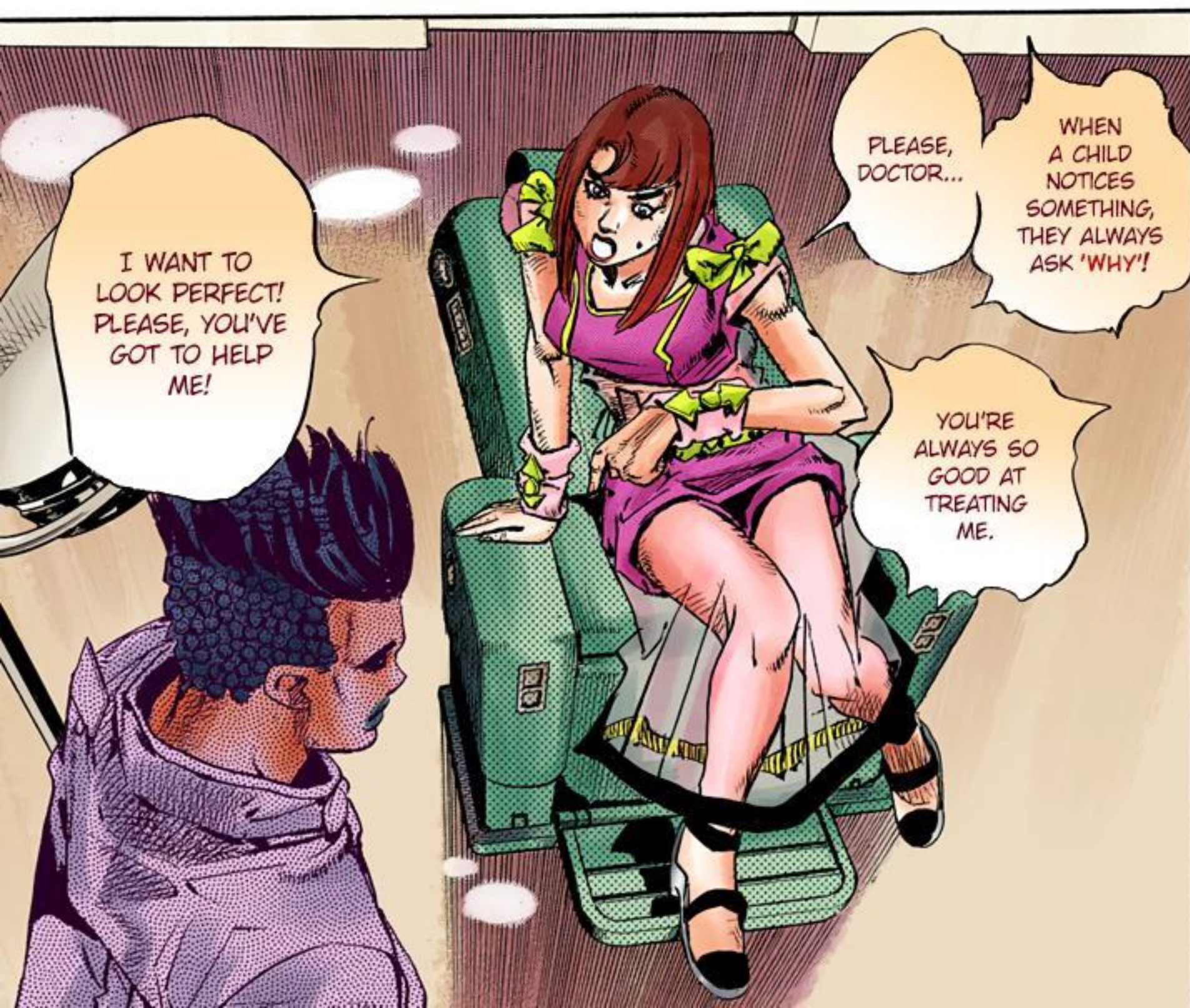


BUT HE HASN'T NOTICED THEM IN THAT WAY.

I DO LET MY HUSBAND TOUCH THEM,

I'VE KEPT IT A SECRET FROM MY HUSBAND THAT THIS HOSPITAL GAVE ME SUCH SHAPELY BREASTS.

HE DIDN'T NOTICE WHEN MY TEETH WERE LIKE ROCKS EITHER...



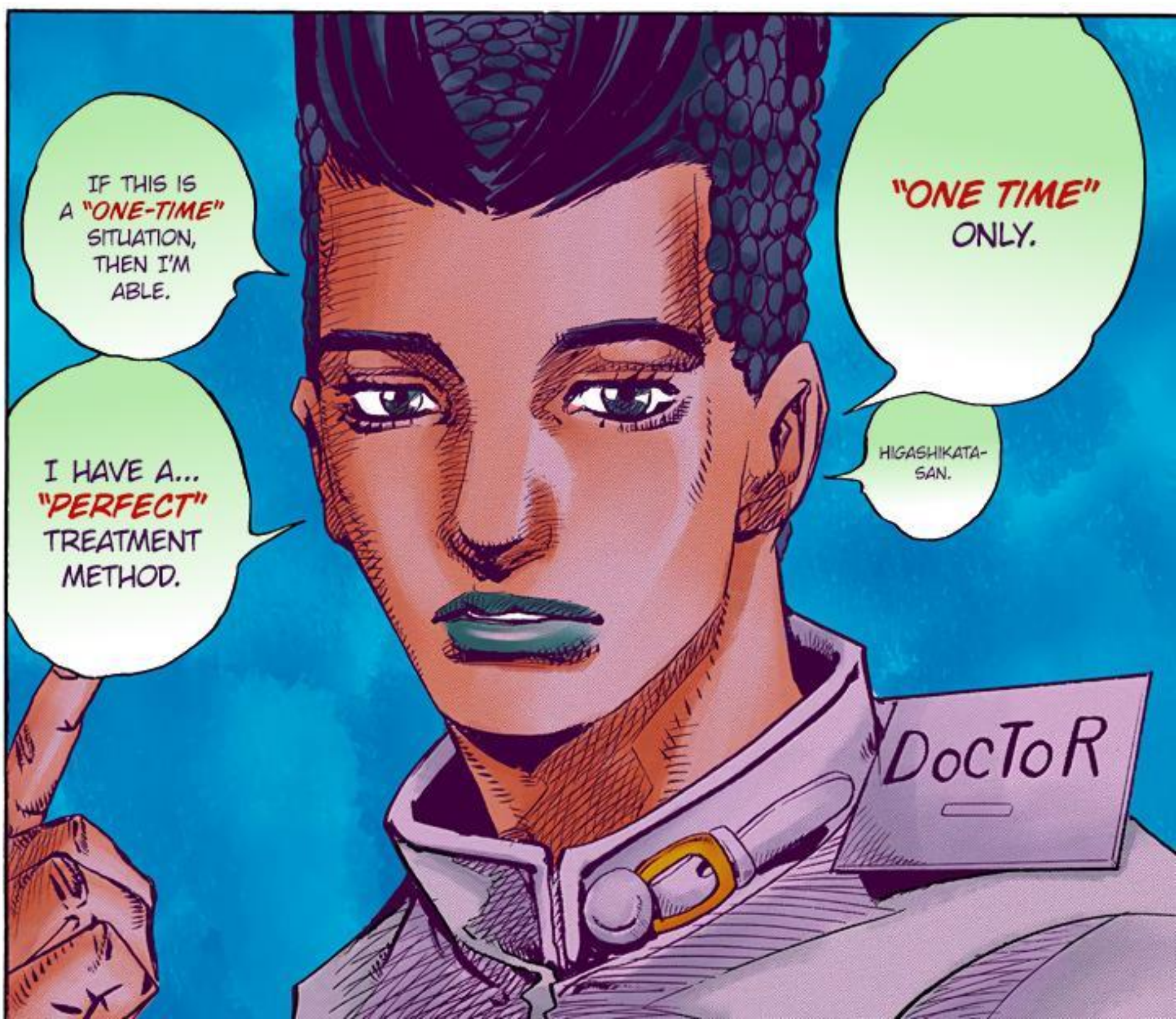
I WANT TO LOOK PERFECT! PLEASE, YOU'VE GOT TO HELP ME!

PLEASE, DOCTOR...

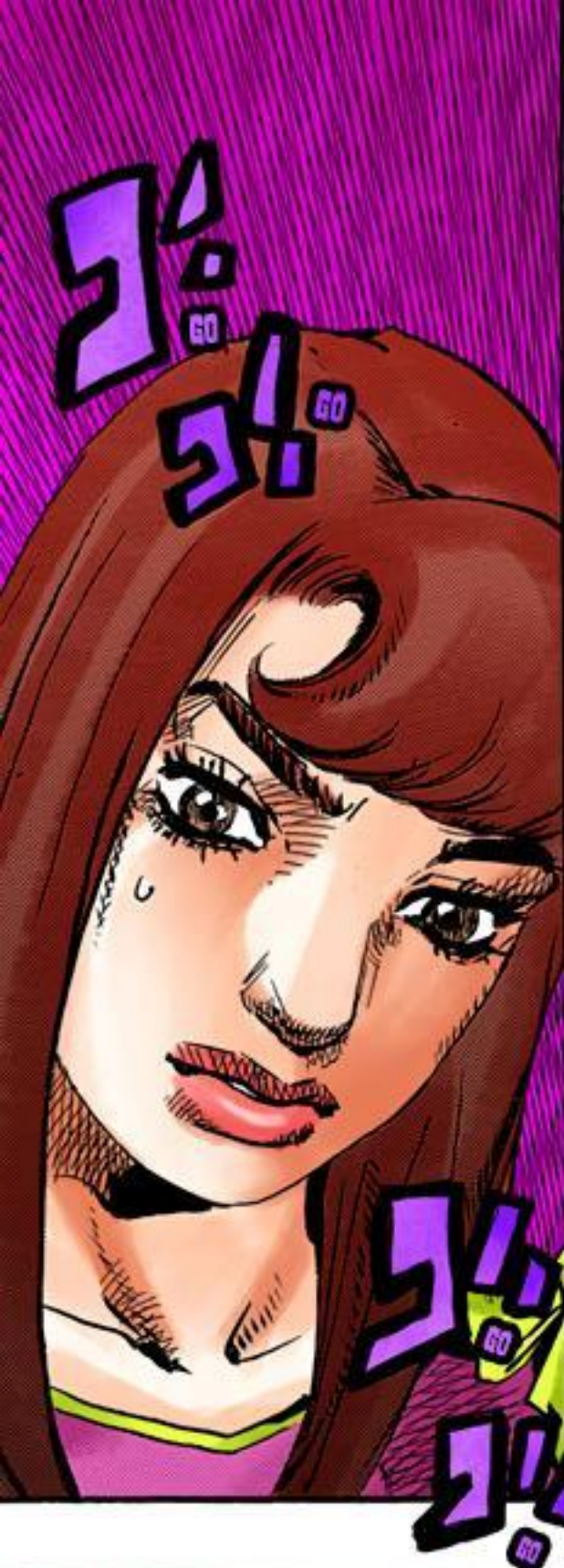
WHEN A CHILD NOTICES SOMETHING, THEY ALWAYS ASK 'WHY'!

YOU'RE ALWAYS SO GOOD AT TREATING ME.









IT'S A  
VERY SPECIAL  
TREATMENT THAT'S  
NOT LEGALLY  
RECOGNIZED  
OR KNOWN.

I HAVEN'T  
RECOMMENDED  
THIS TO  
ANY OTHER  
PATIENTS  
THUS FAR.

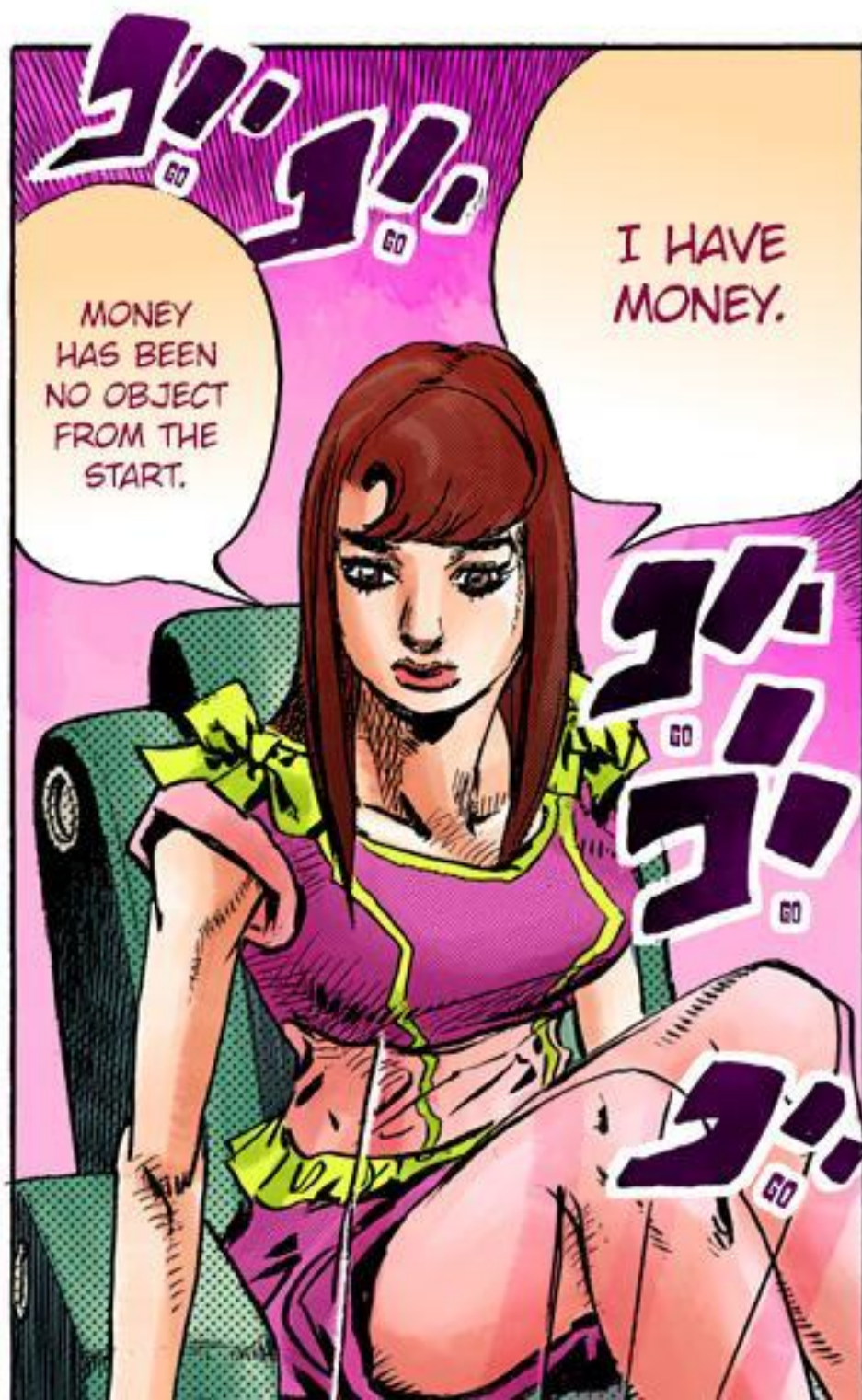
MEDICALLY  
SPEAKING, IT'S  
THE NEWEST  
OF THE NEW.

BECAUSE  
OF THAT, IT'S  
EXTRAORDI-  
NARILY HIGH-  
PRICED.



200  
MILLION  
YEN.

THAT'S  
A "ONE-  
TIME"  
ONLY  
PRICE.



I HAVE  
MONEY.

MONEY  
HAS BEEN  
NO OBJECT  
FROM THE  
START.





THIS IS YOUR DECISION TO MAKE. THE TREATMENT CAN BEGIN AS SOON AS YOU HAVE PAID.

YOU ARE IN HEALTHY CONDTION.



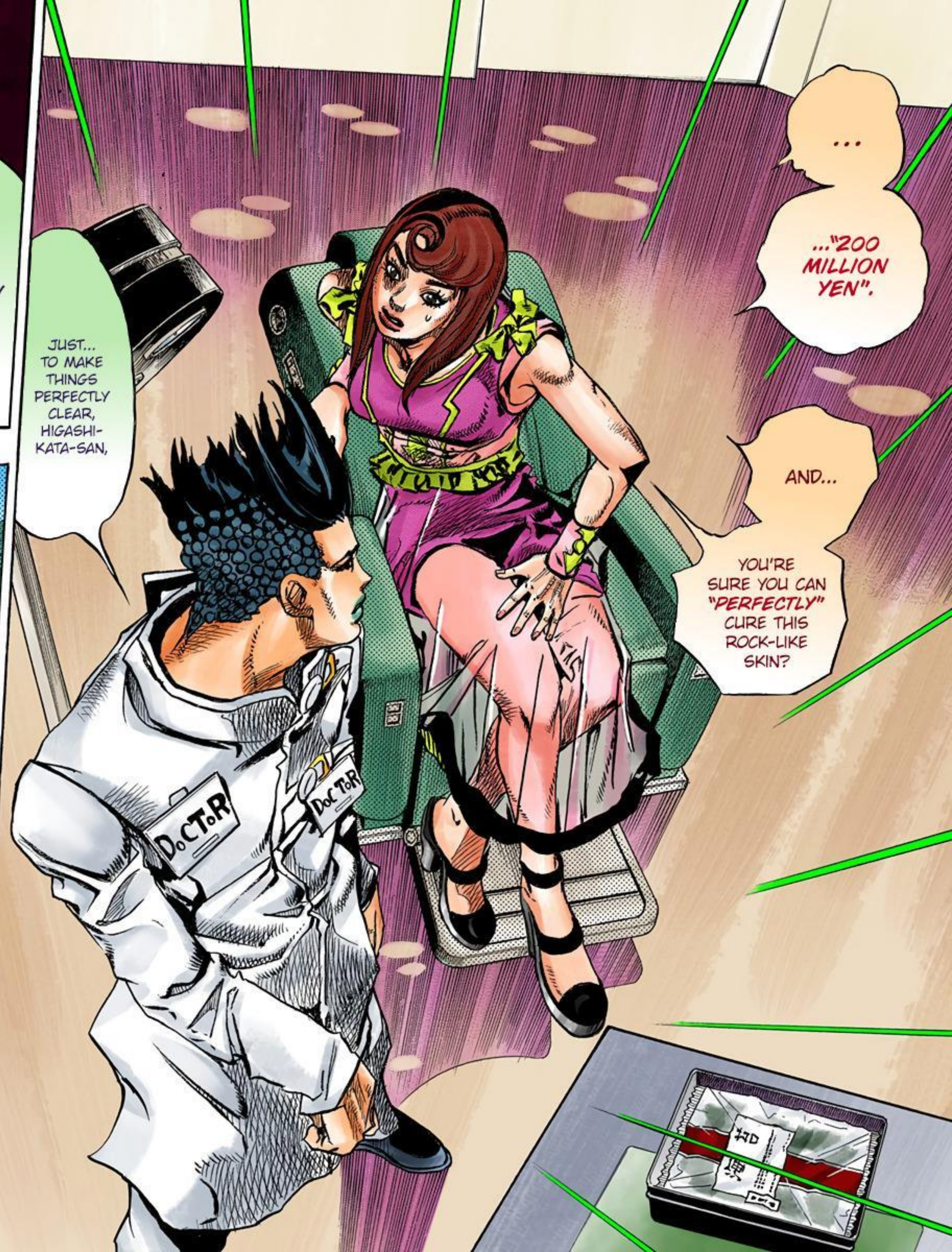
## Orchard Fire

600 High-Priced Fruit Trees Decimated

The Higashikata Fruit Parlor's land of over 16,500 square meters.



## Orchard Fire



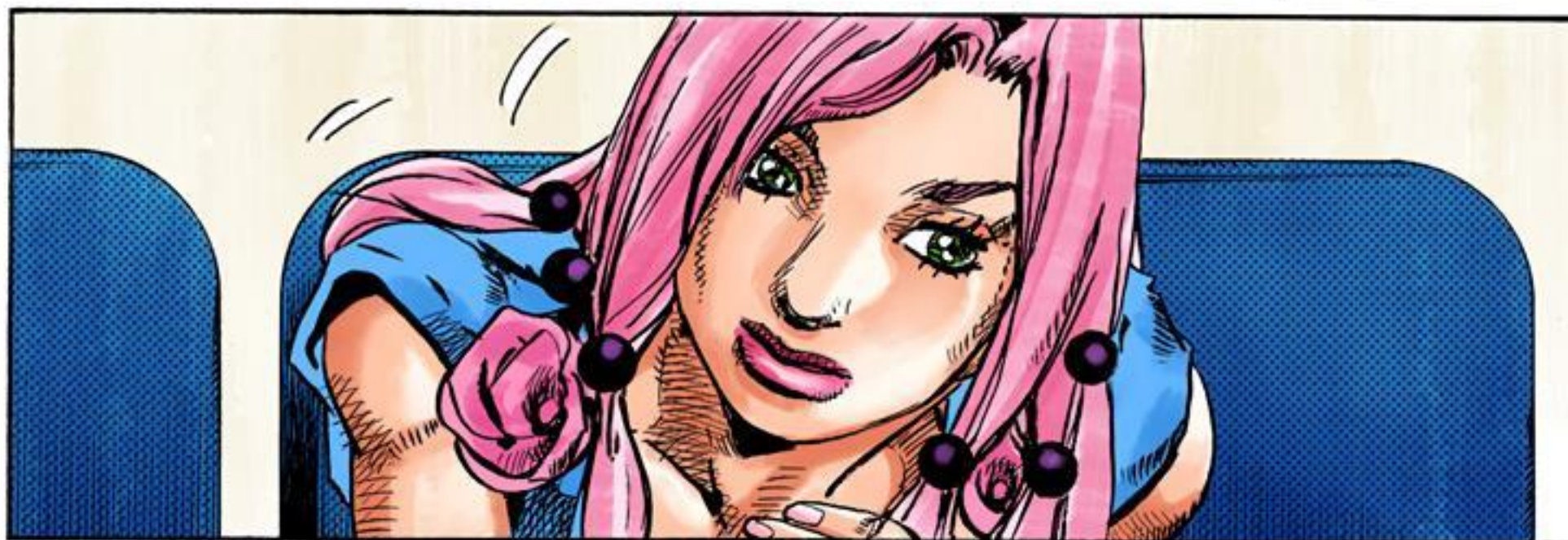
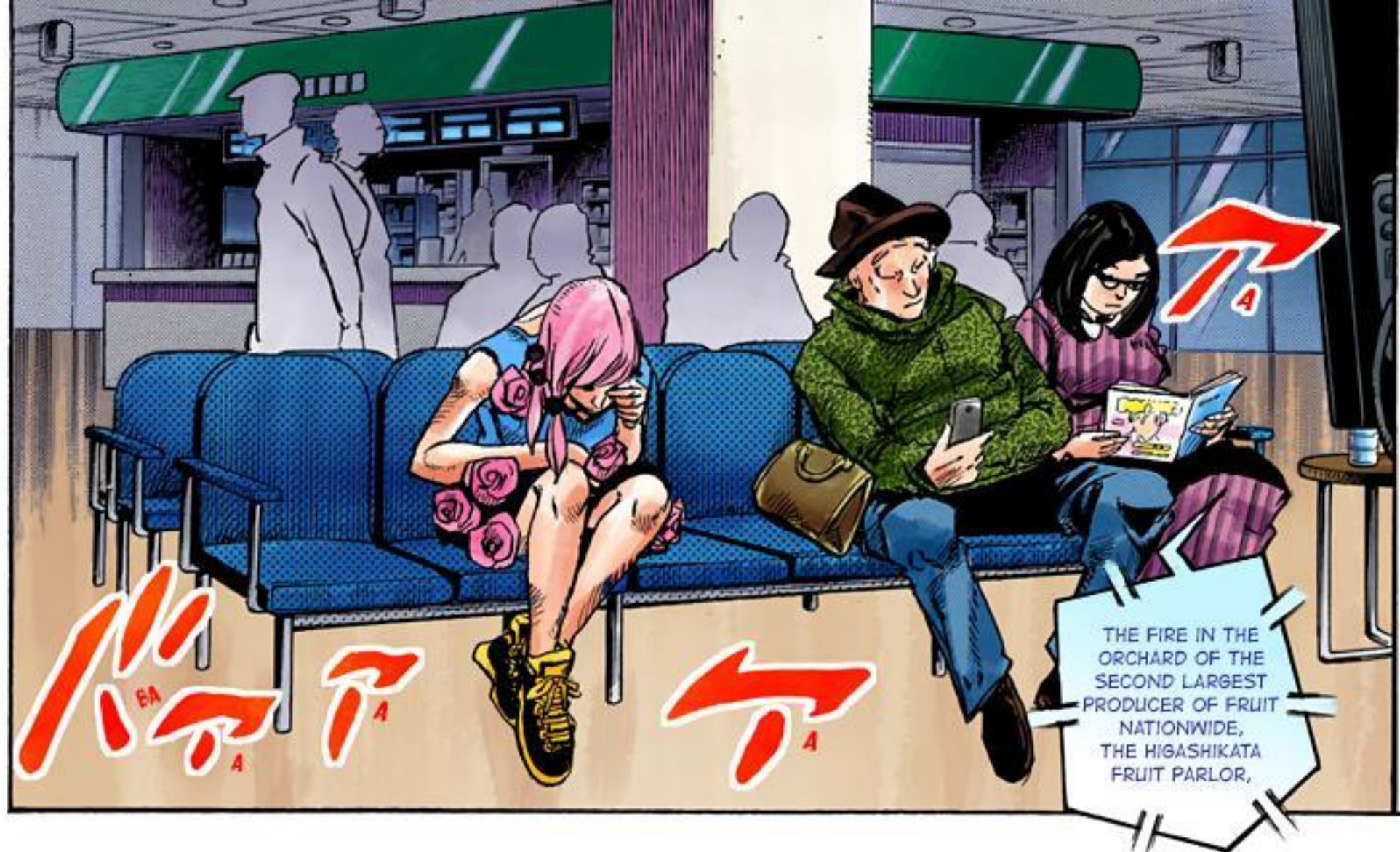
JUST... TO MAKE THINGS PERFECTLY CLEAR, HIGASHIKATA-SAN,

..."200 MILLION YEN".

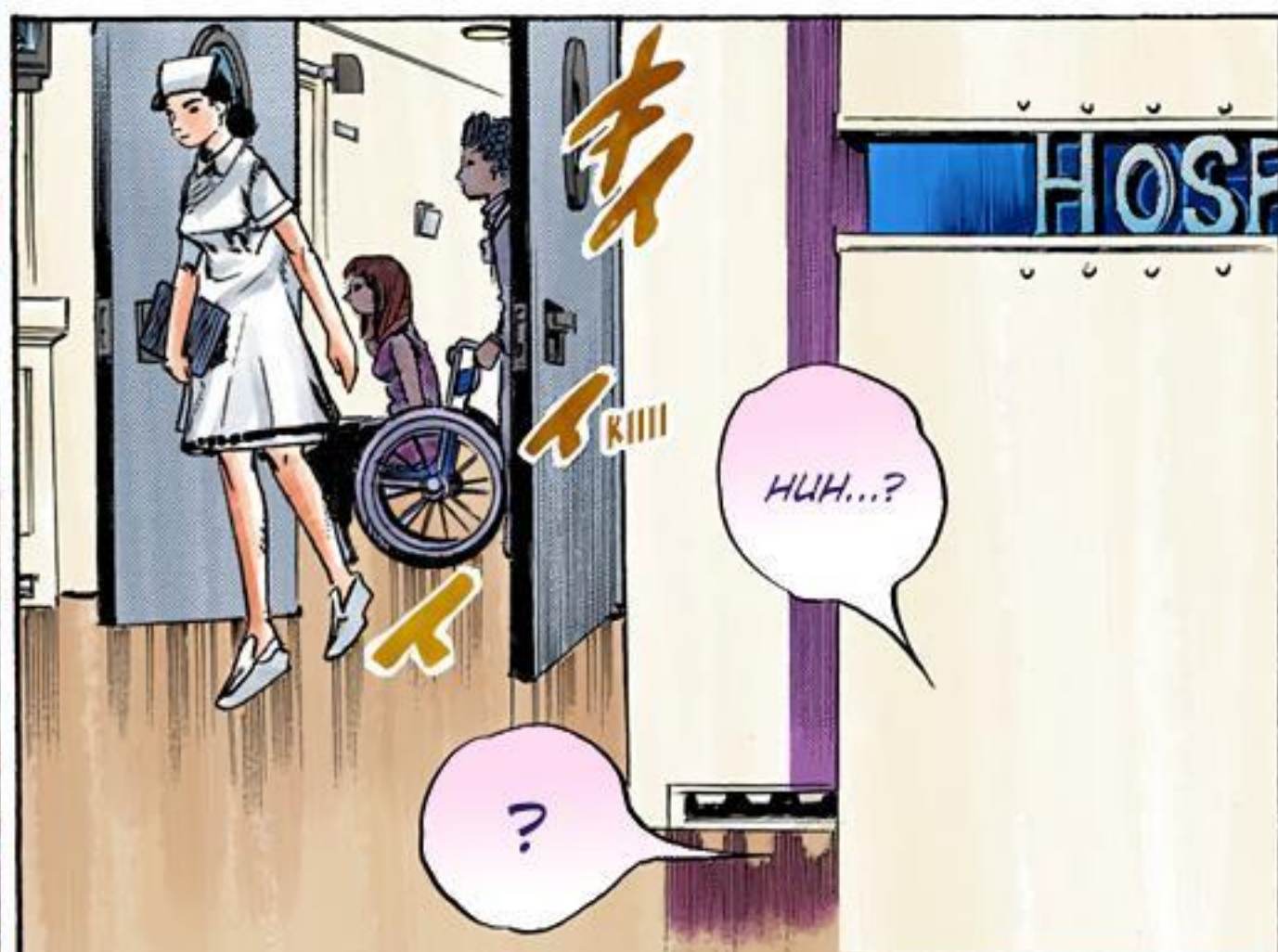
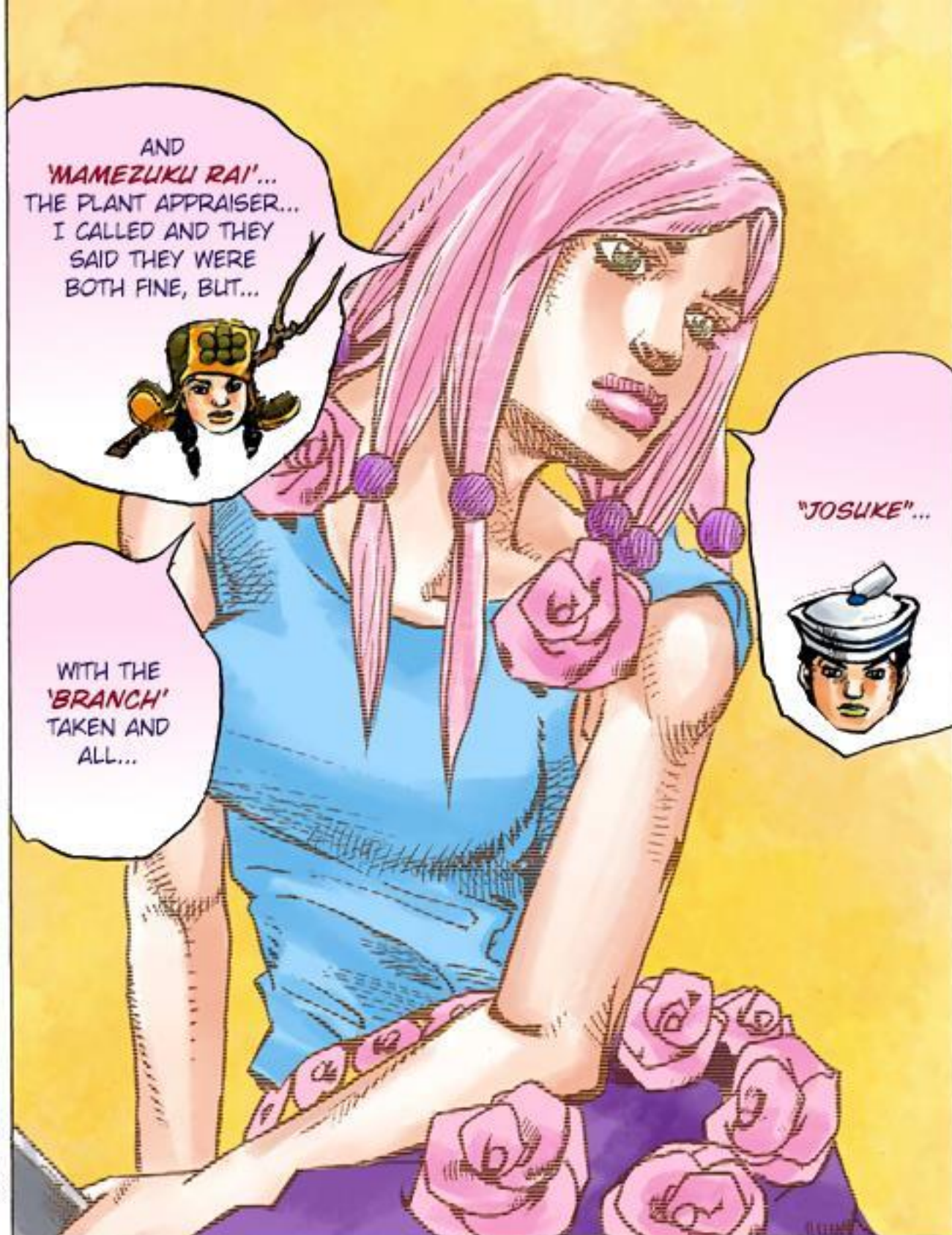
AND...

YOU'RE SURE YOU CAN "PERFECTLY" CURE THIS ROCK-LIKE SKIN?

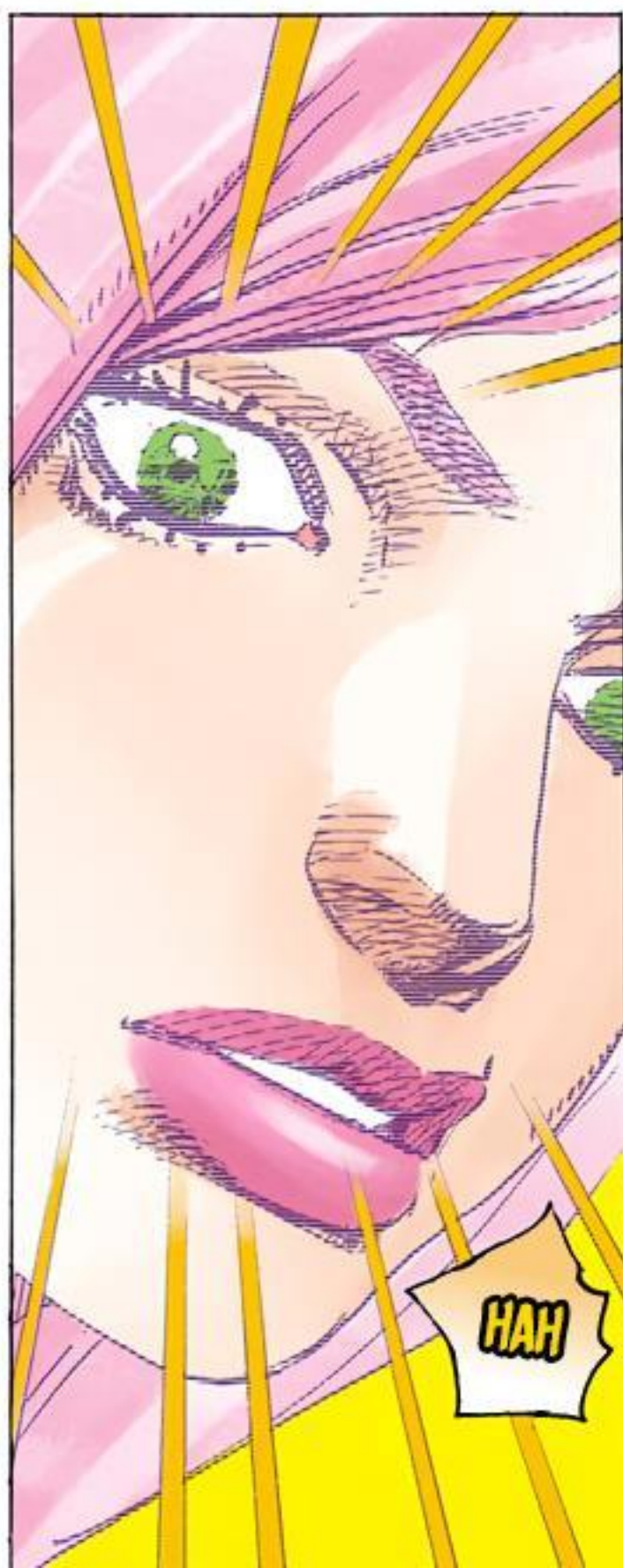
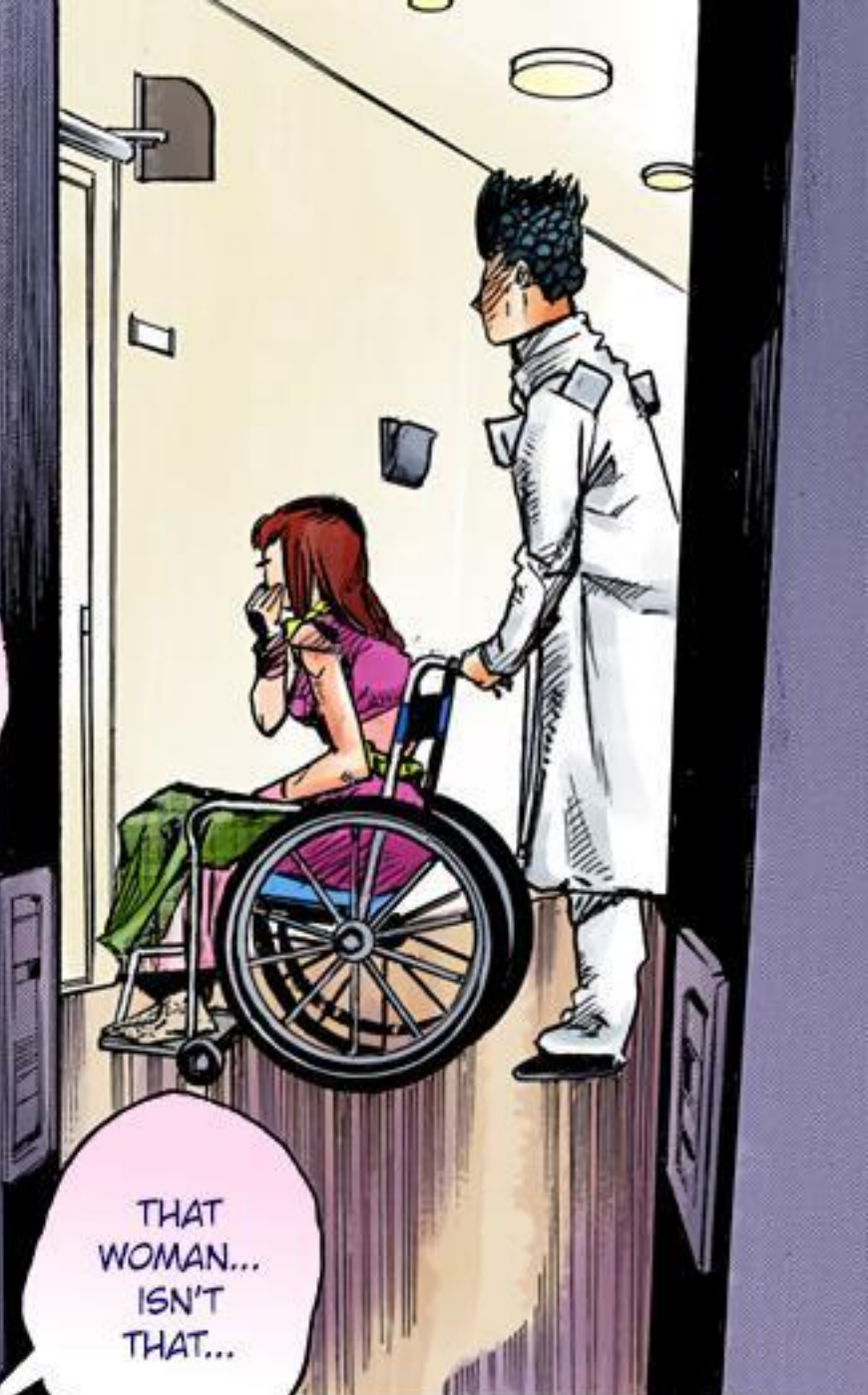




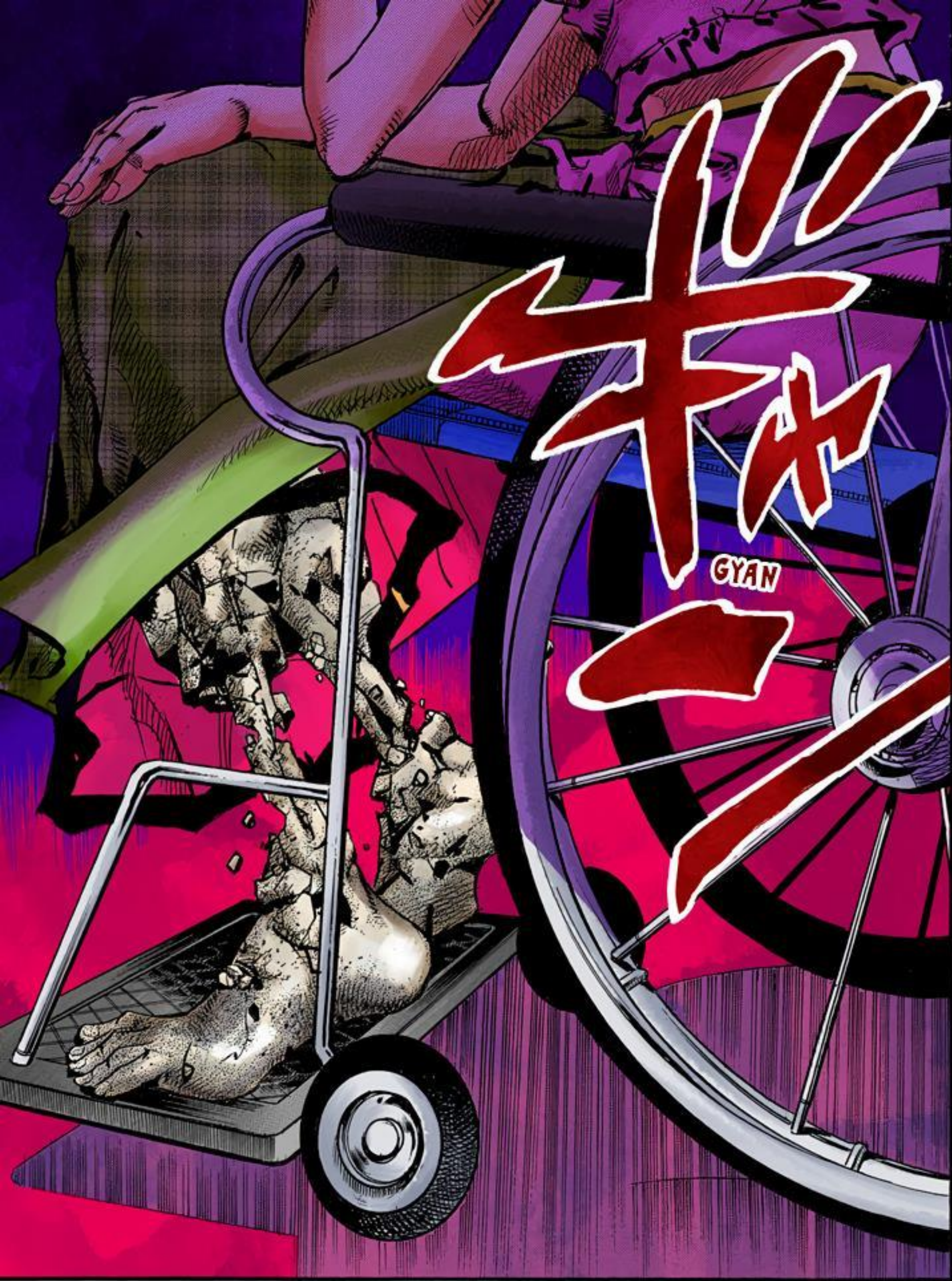












Time Until the Harvest of the Locacaca Fruit

【 10 Days, 19 hours, and 6 minutes 】





**PRESENTED BY: DUCKS WITH HATS**

**TYPESETTING: MINEDOR**

**CLEANING: NAT71828**

**TRANSLATION: HI WA MATA NOBORU**

**LOGO: THATDUDE**

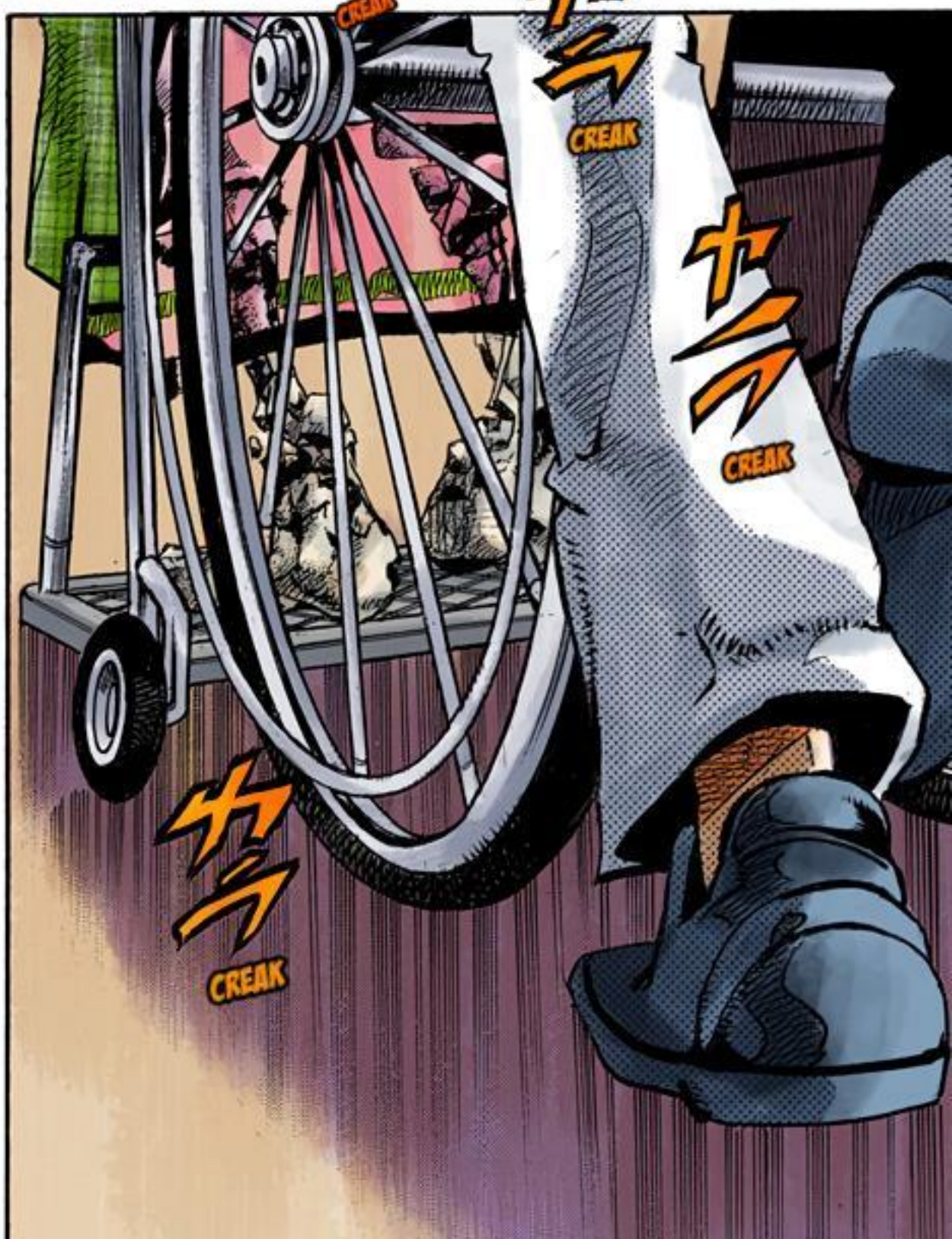
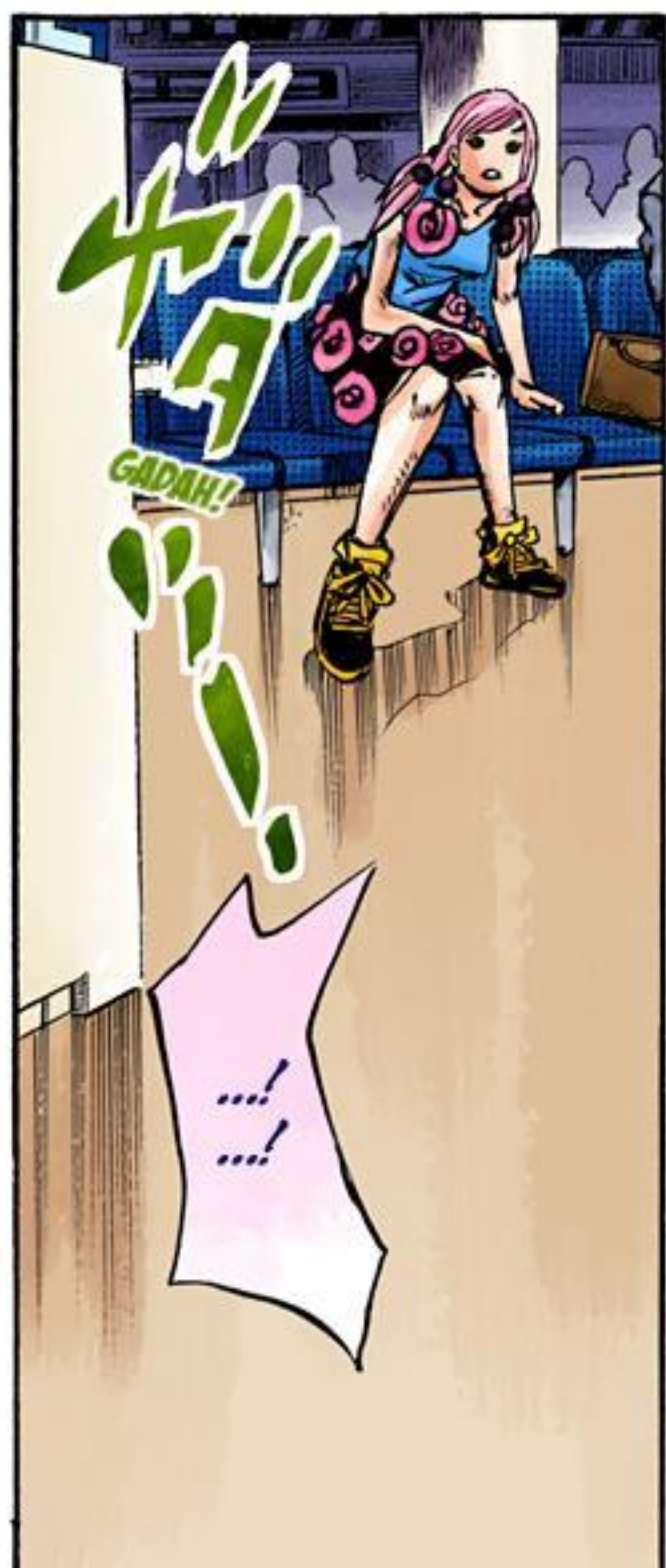
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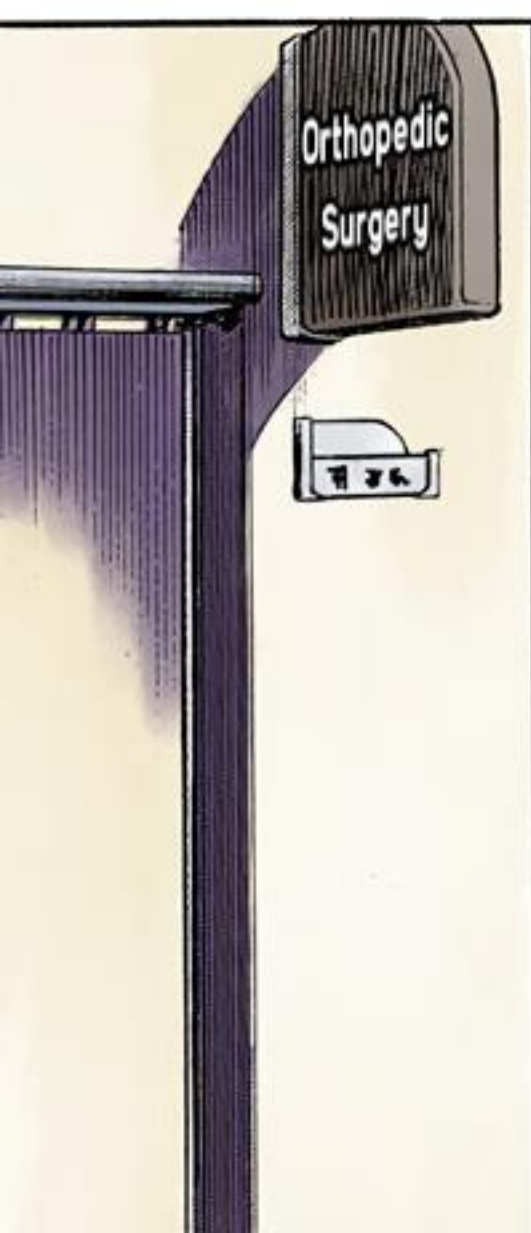
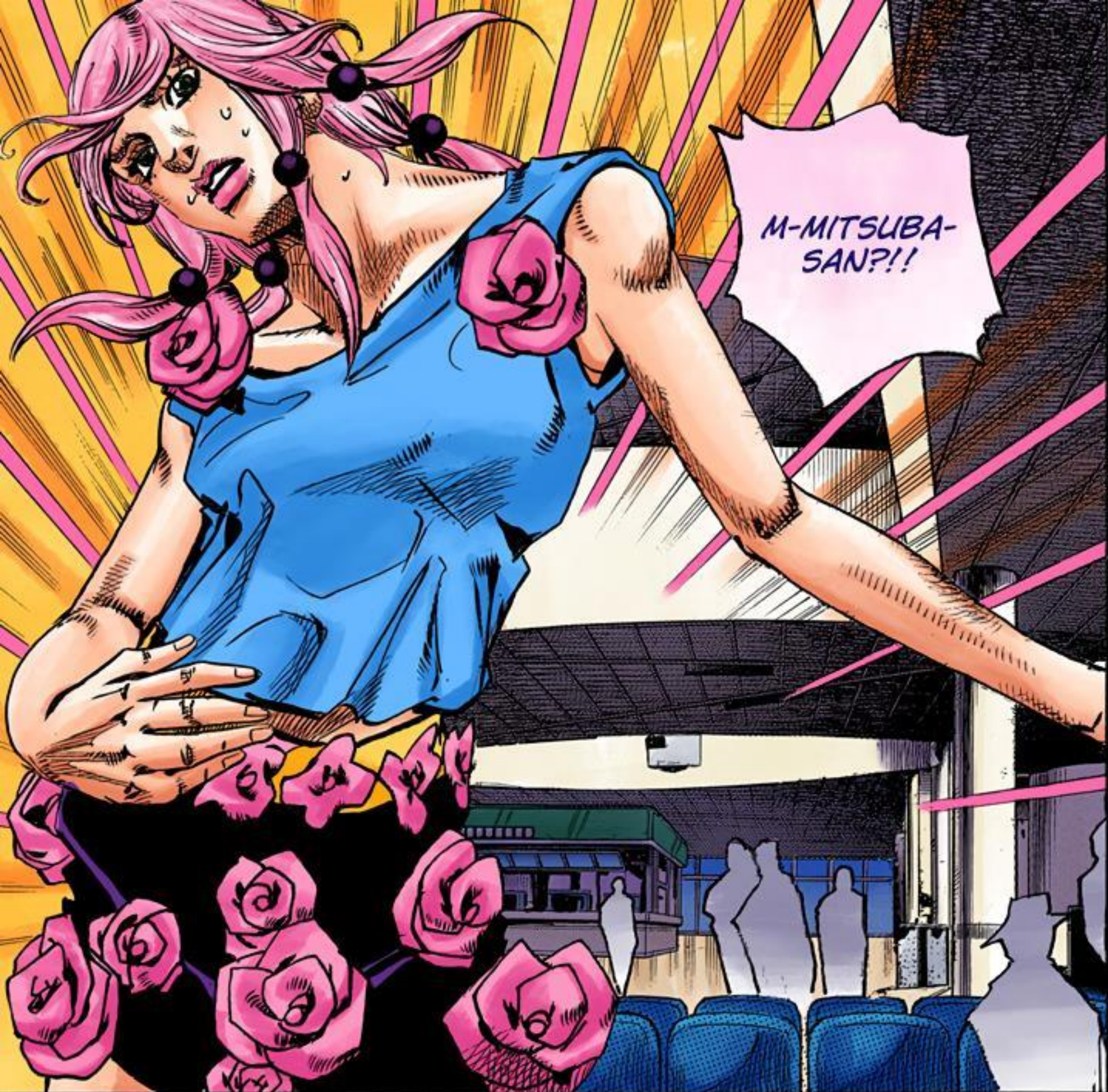
# #078 THE ORTHOPEDIC SURGEON - WU TOMOKI-SENSEI







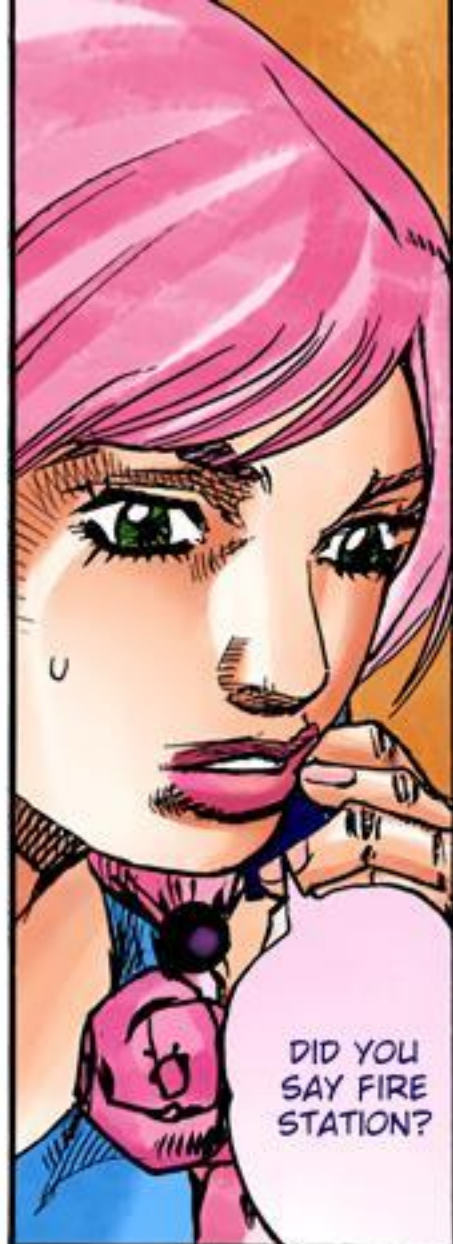




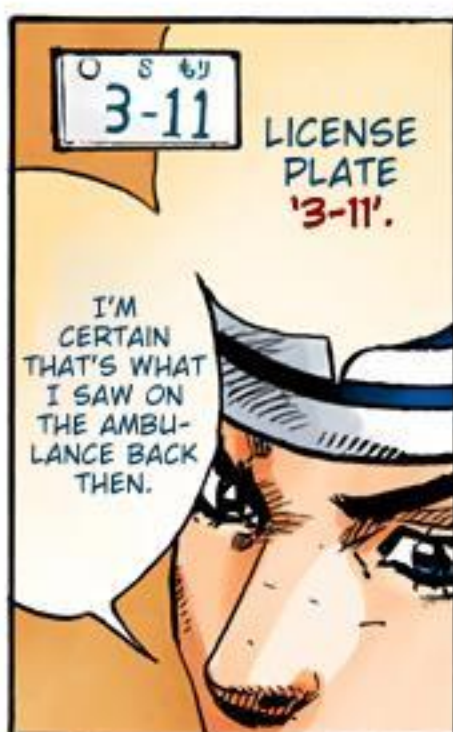




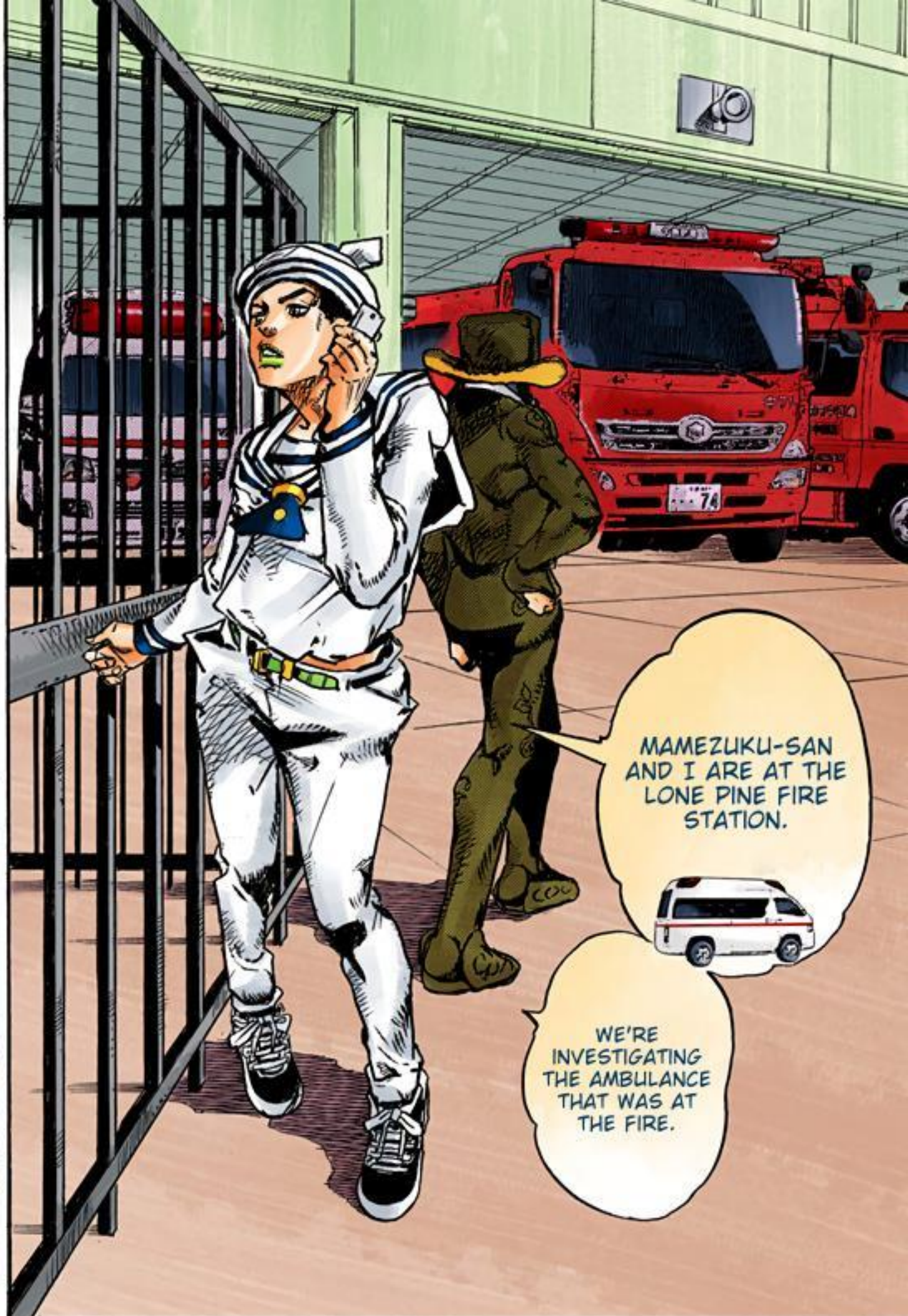




DID YOU  
SAY FIRE  
STATION?



I'M  
CERTAIN  
THAT'S WHAT  
I SAW ON  
THE AMBU-  
LANCE BACK  
THEN.



MAMEZUKU-SAN  
AND I ARE AT THE  
LONE PINE FIRE  
STATION.



WE'RE  
INVESTIGATING  
THE AMBULANCE  
THAT WAS AT  
THE FIRE.



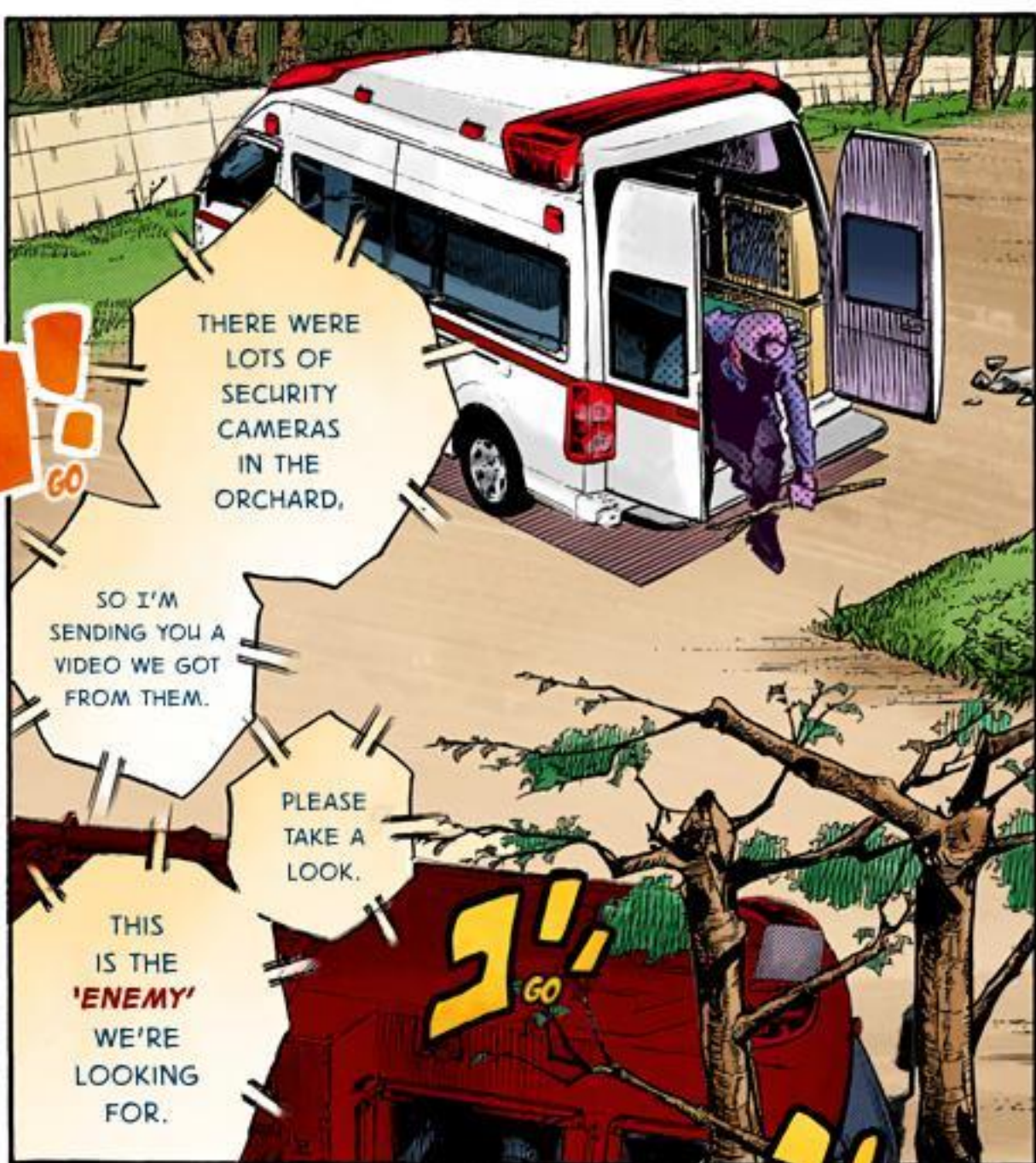
IN FACT,  
THERE'S NO  
AMBULANCE  
WITH A LICENSE  
PLATE NUMBER  
3-11 HERE  
AT ALL.

THERE ARE NO  
RECORDS OF  
AMBULANCE  
WORKERS HERE  
EITHER.

BUT  
THERE'S  
NO RECORD  
OF A 3-11  
AMBULANCE  
GOING  
ANYWHERE

DURING  
THE TIME THE  
HIGASHIKATA  
ORCHARD WAS  
ON FIRE.

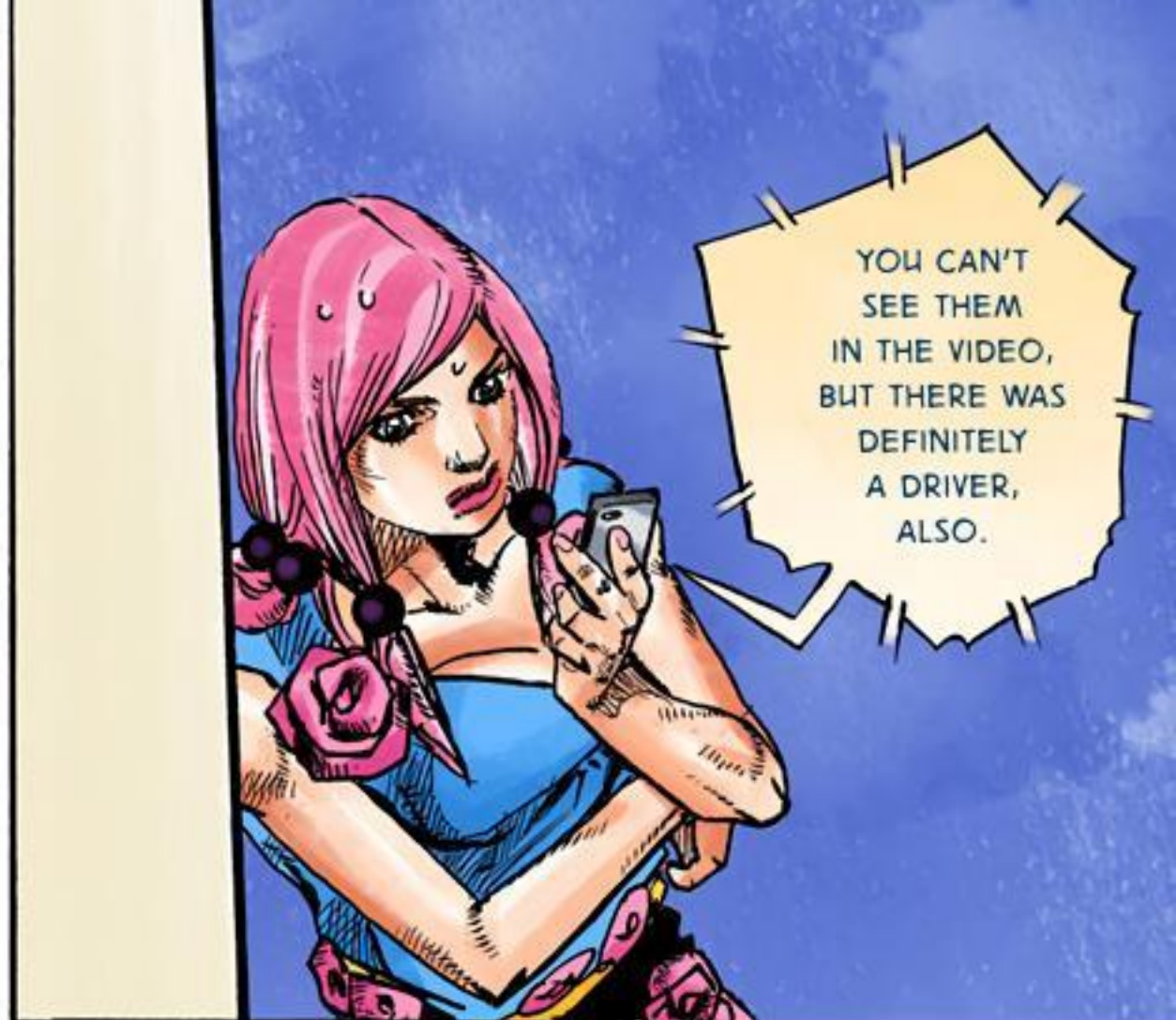








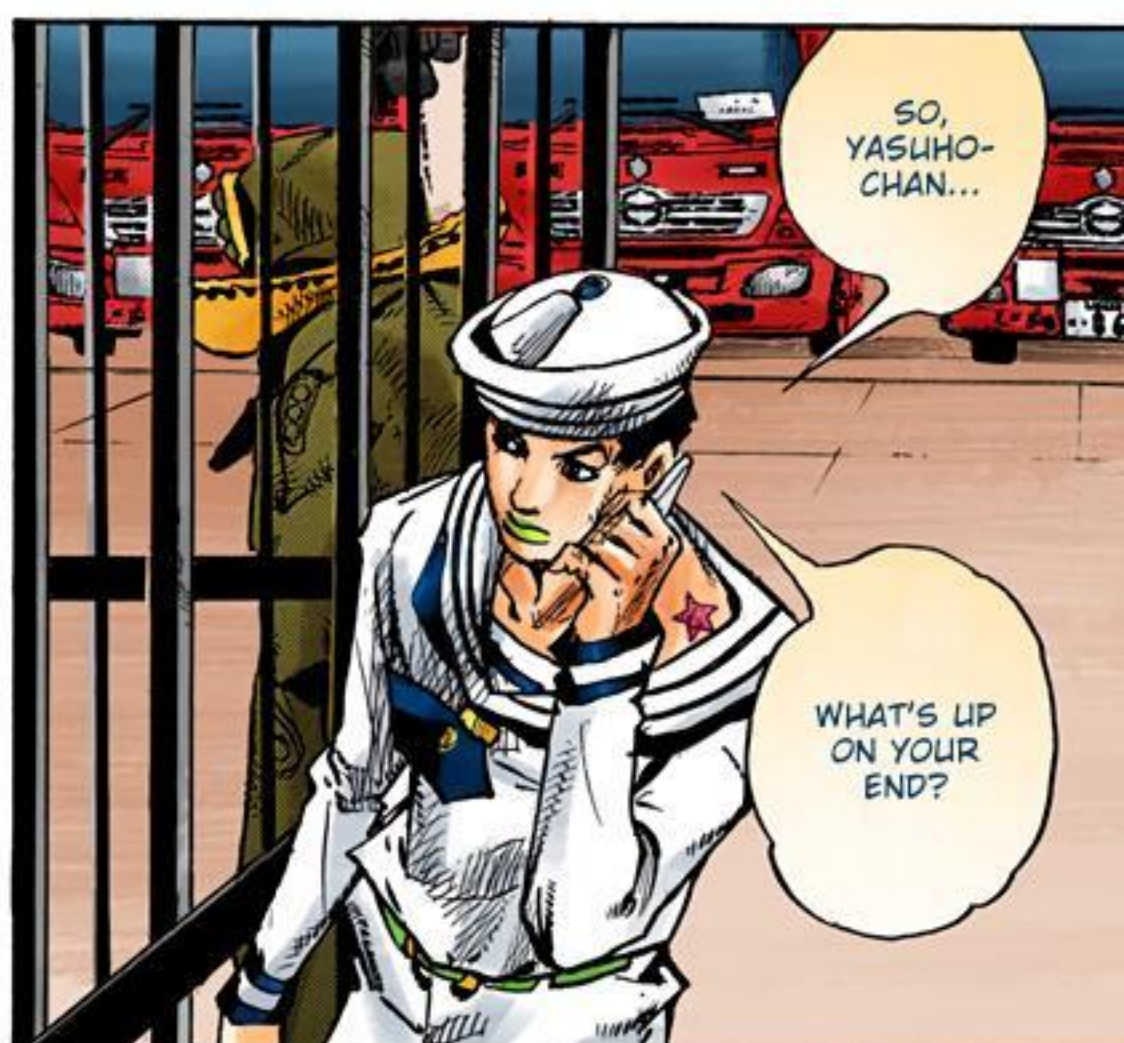
...OKAY.



YOU CAN'T  
SEE THEM  
IN THE VIDEO,  
BUT THERE WAS  
DEFINITELY  
A DRIVER,  
ALSO.



UM...  
WELL, I MET  
MITSUBA-  
SAN...



SO,  
YASUHO-  
CHAN...

WHAT'S UP  
ON YOUR  
END?



YEAH,  
HIGASHIKATA  
MITSUBA-  
SAN.

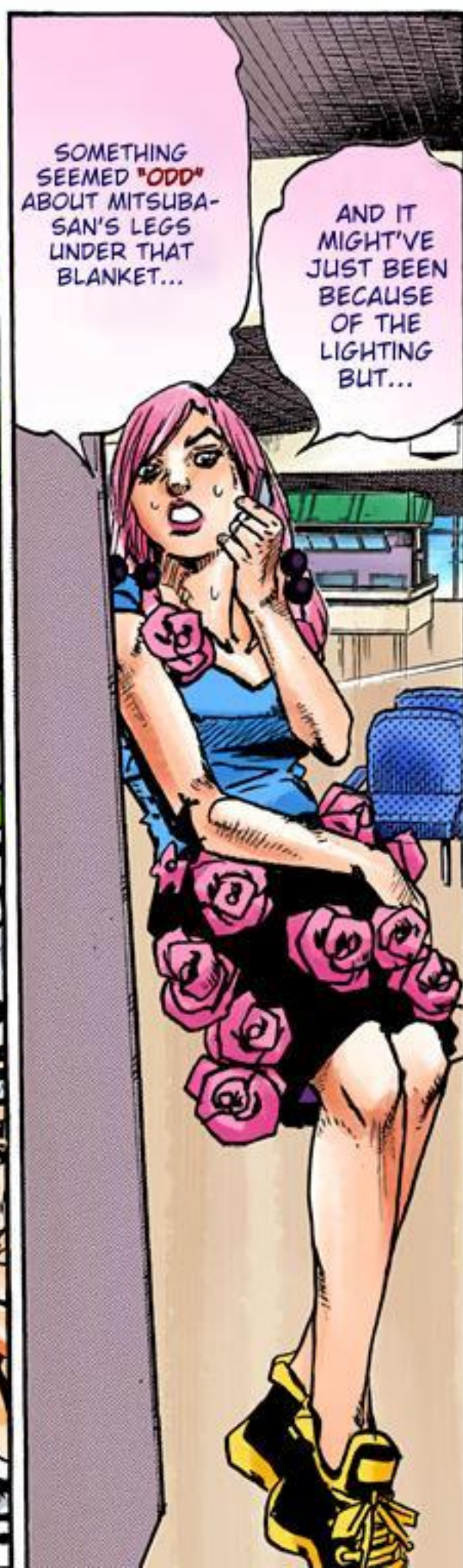
TSURUGI-  
CHAN'S MOM...  
AND JOBIN-  
SAN'S WIFE.



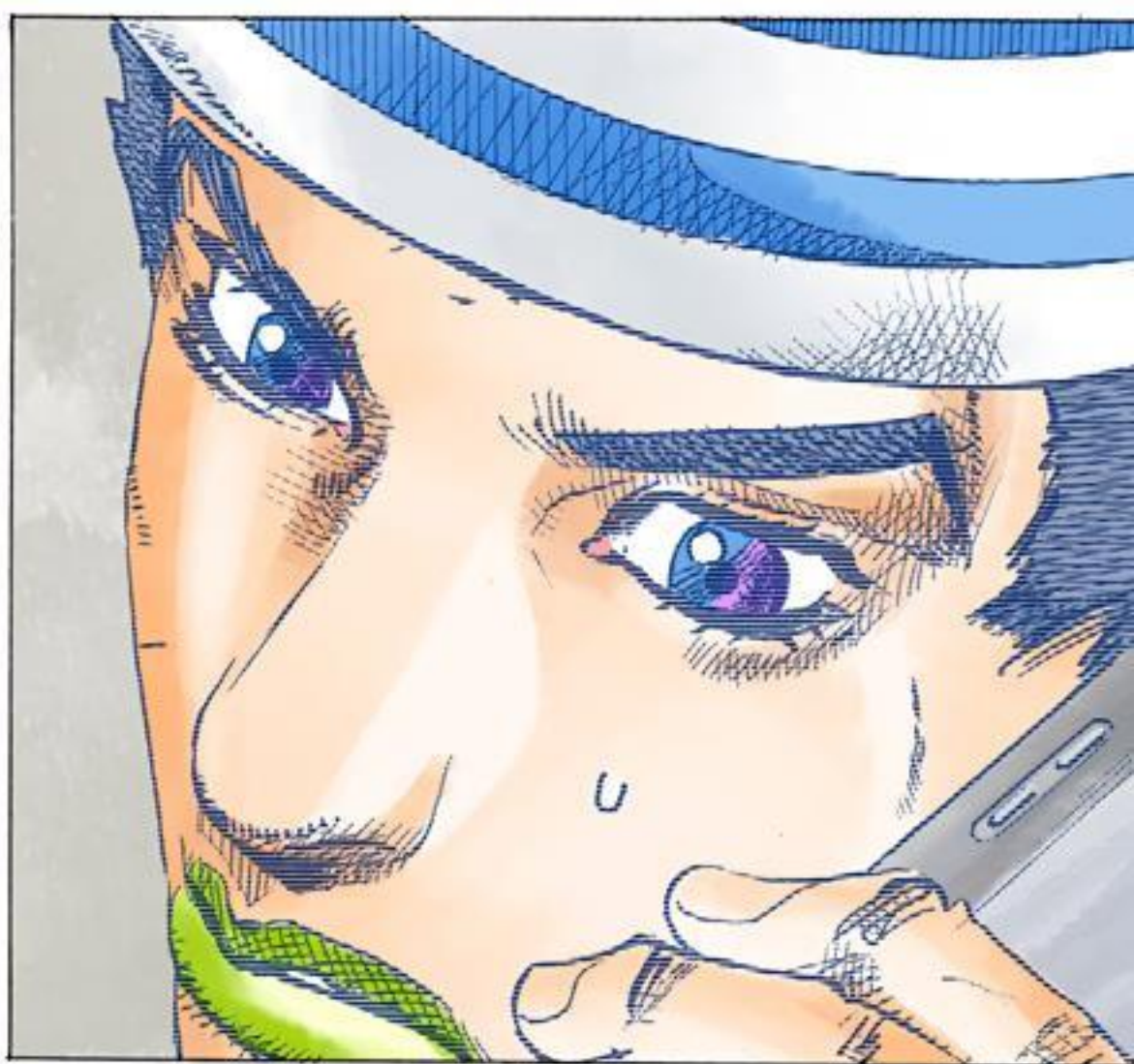
MITSUBA?

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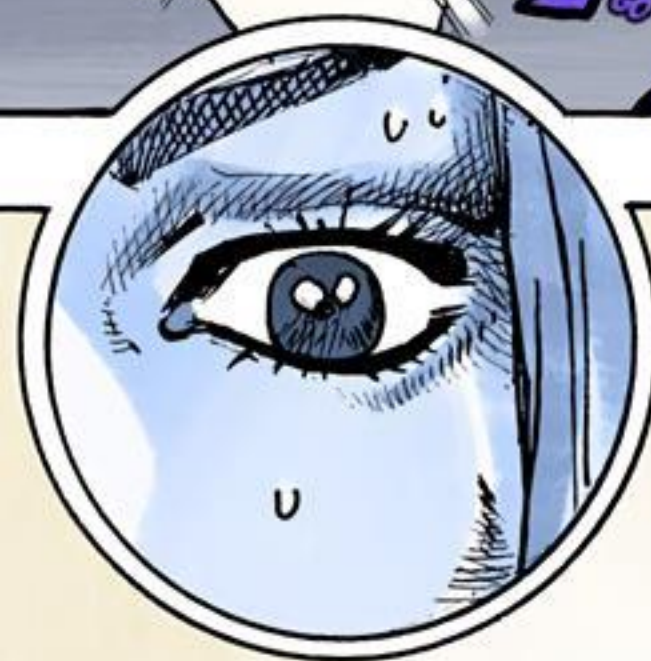
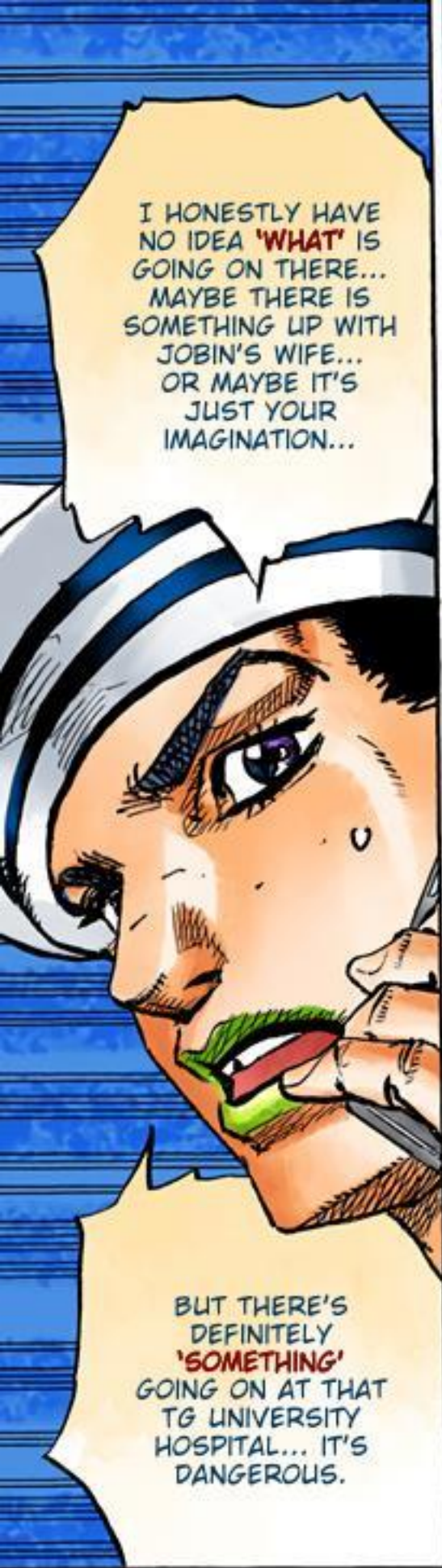




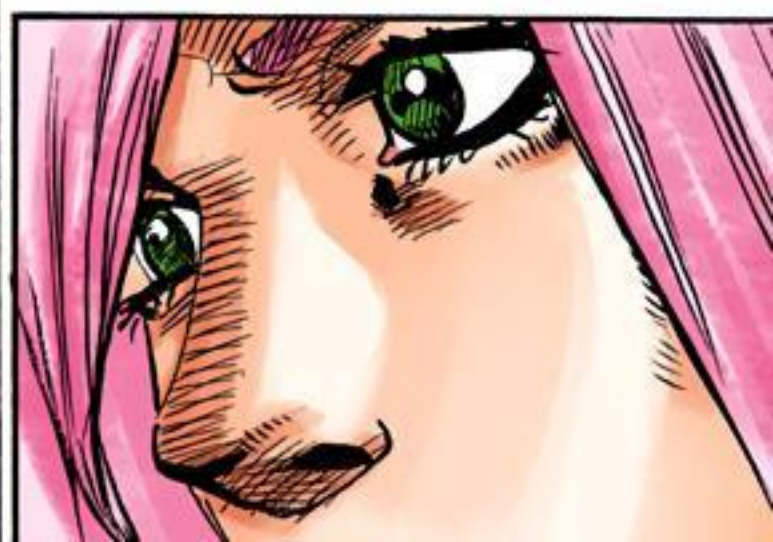




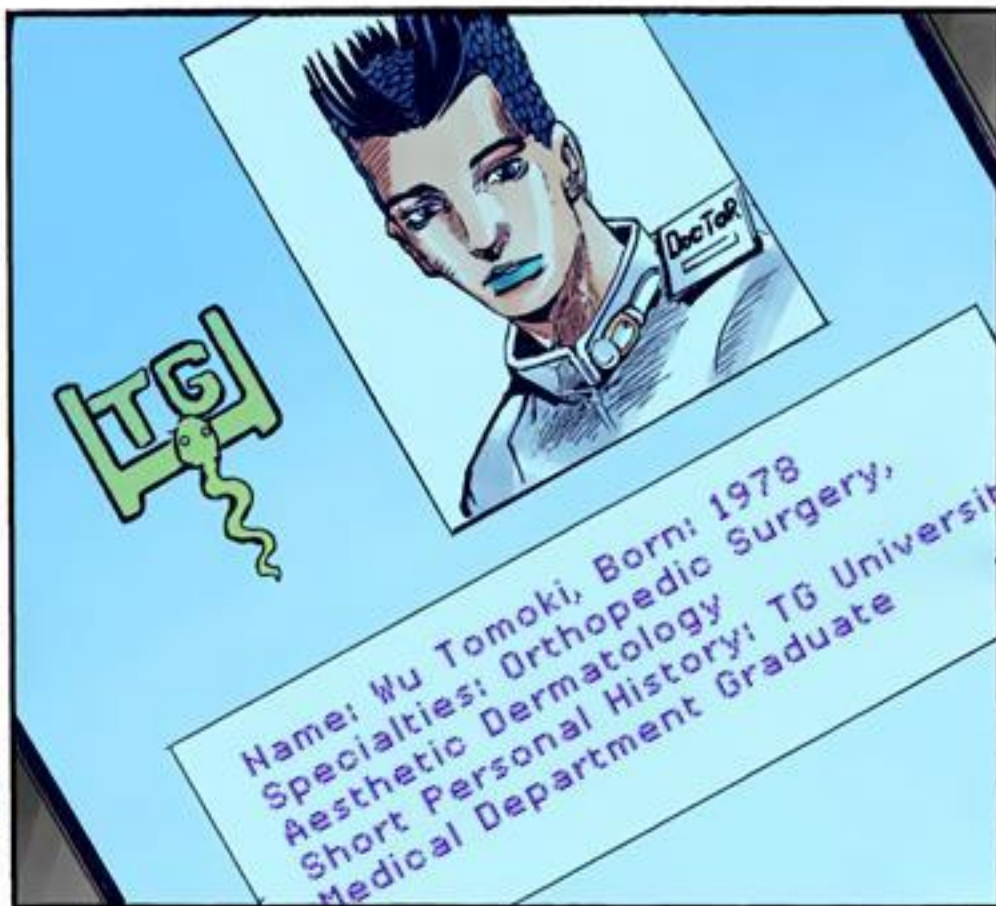
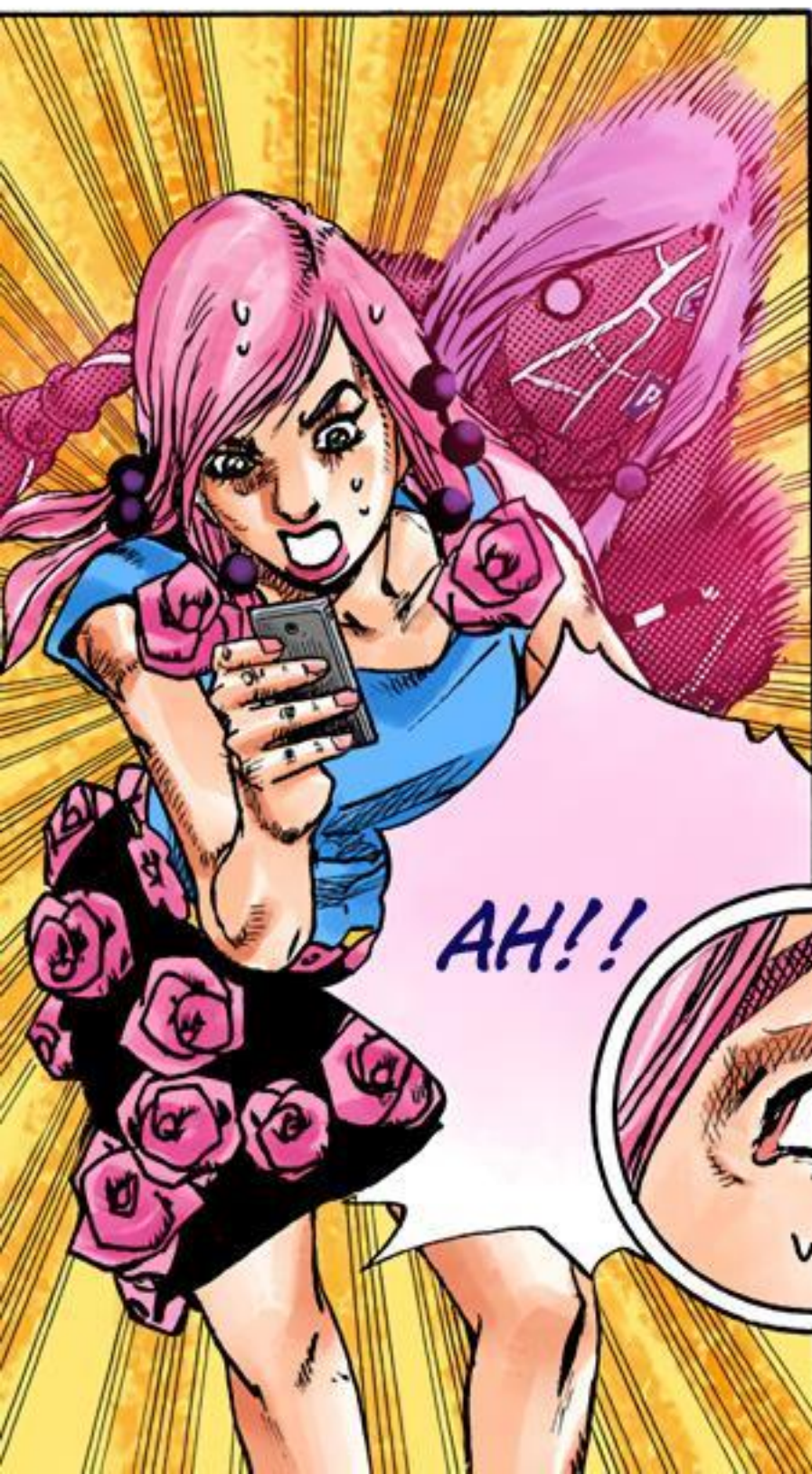
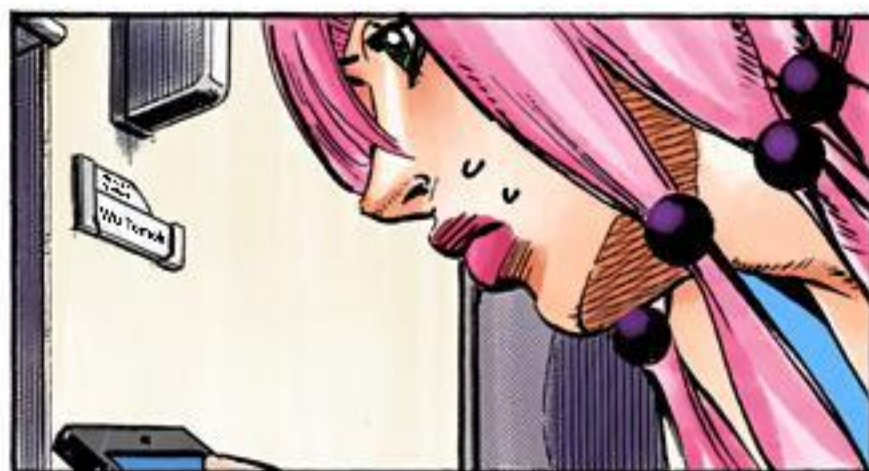




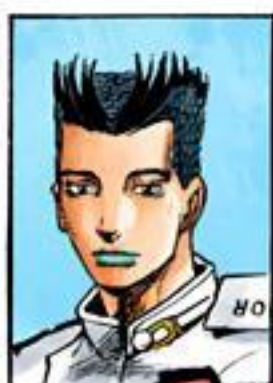












C-COULD  
IT BE...?!





## Attending Physician

## Wu Tomoki

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**RATT**

**RATTL**

WELL,  
I'LL BE  
GOING...

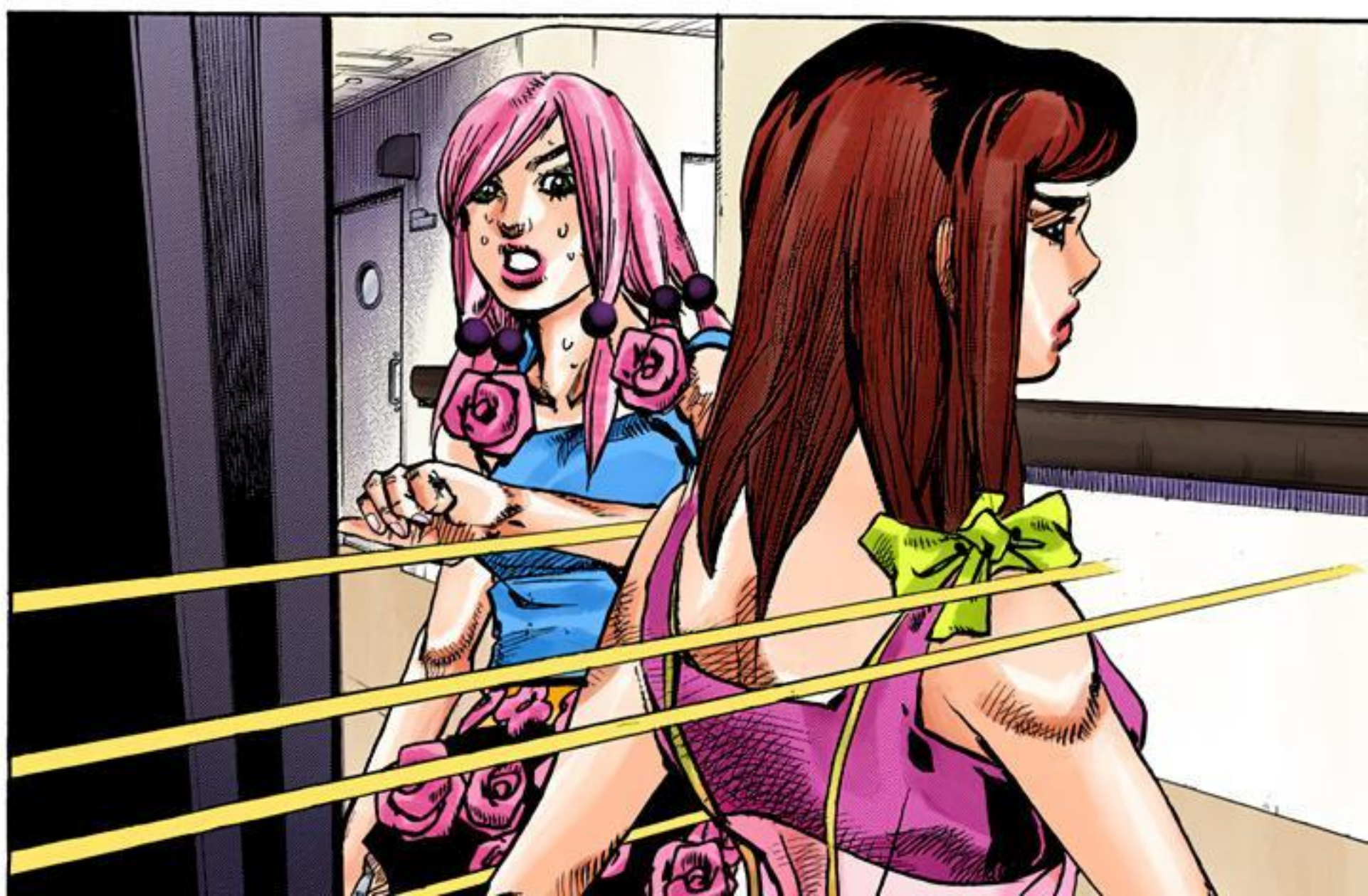
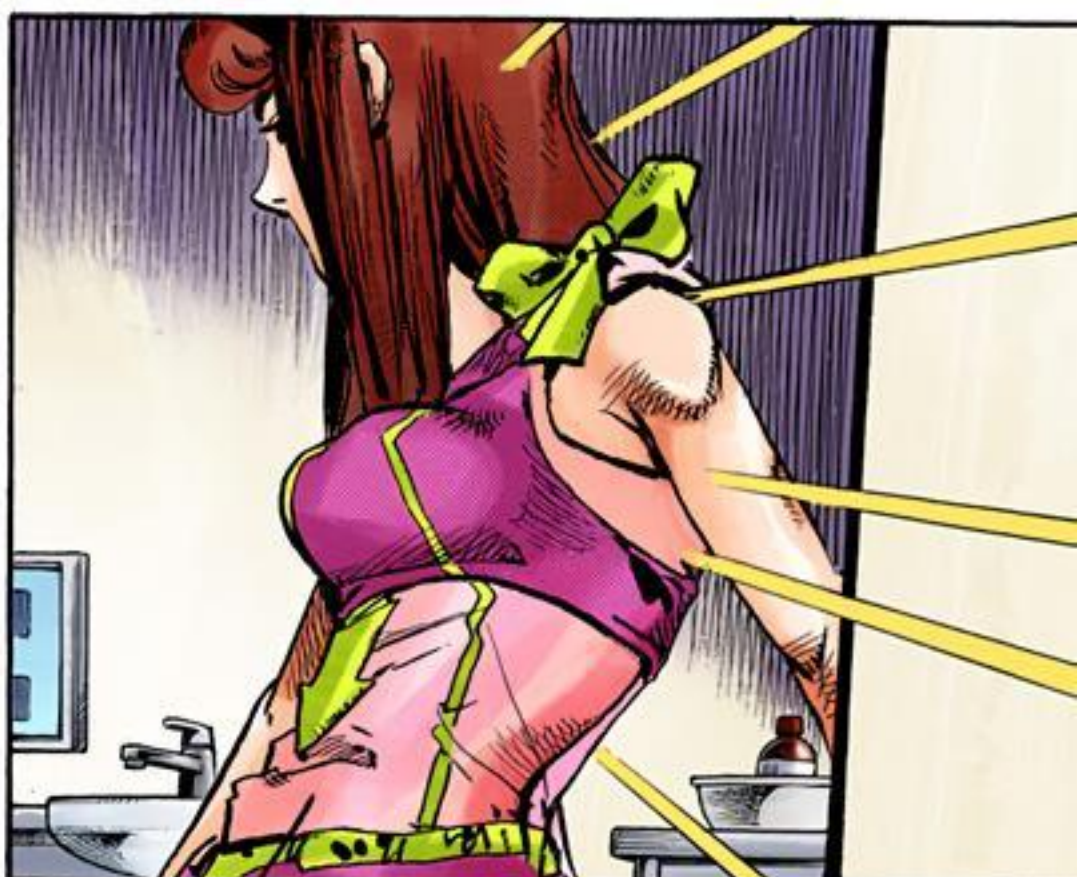
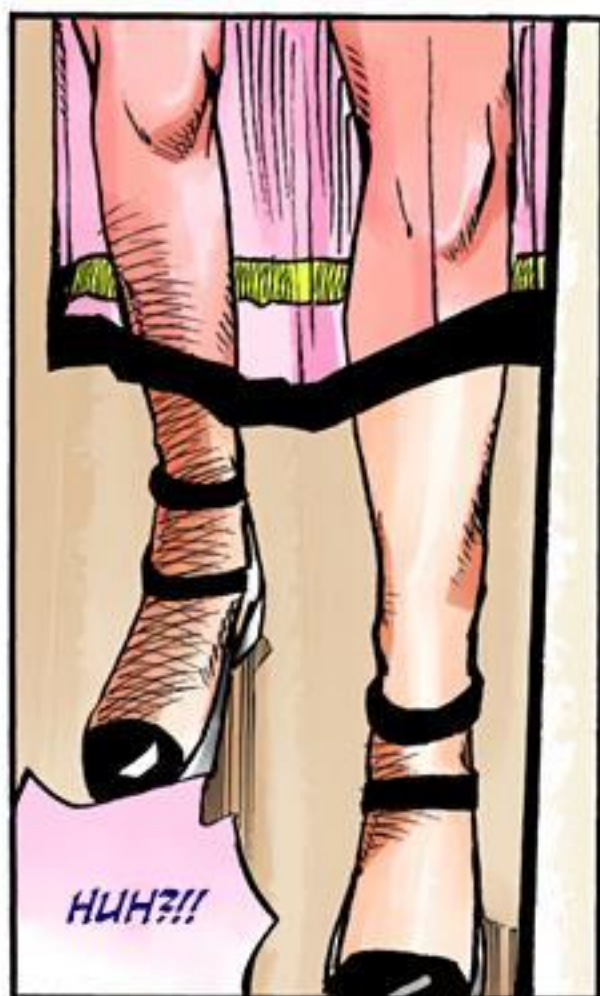
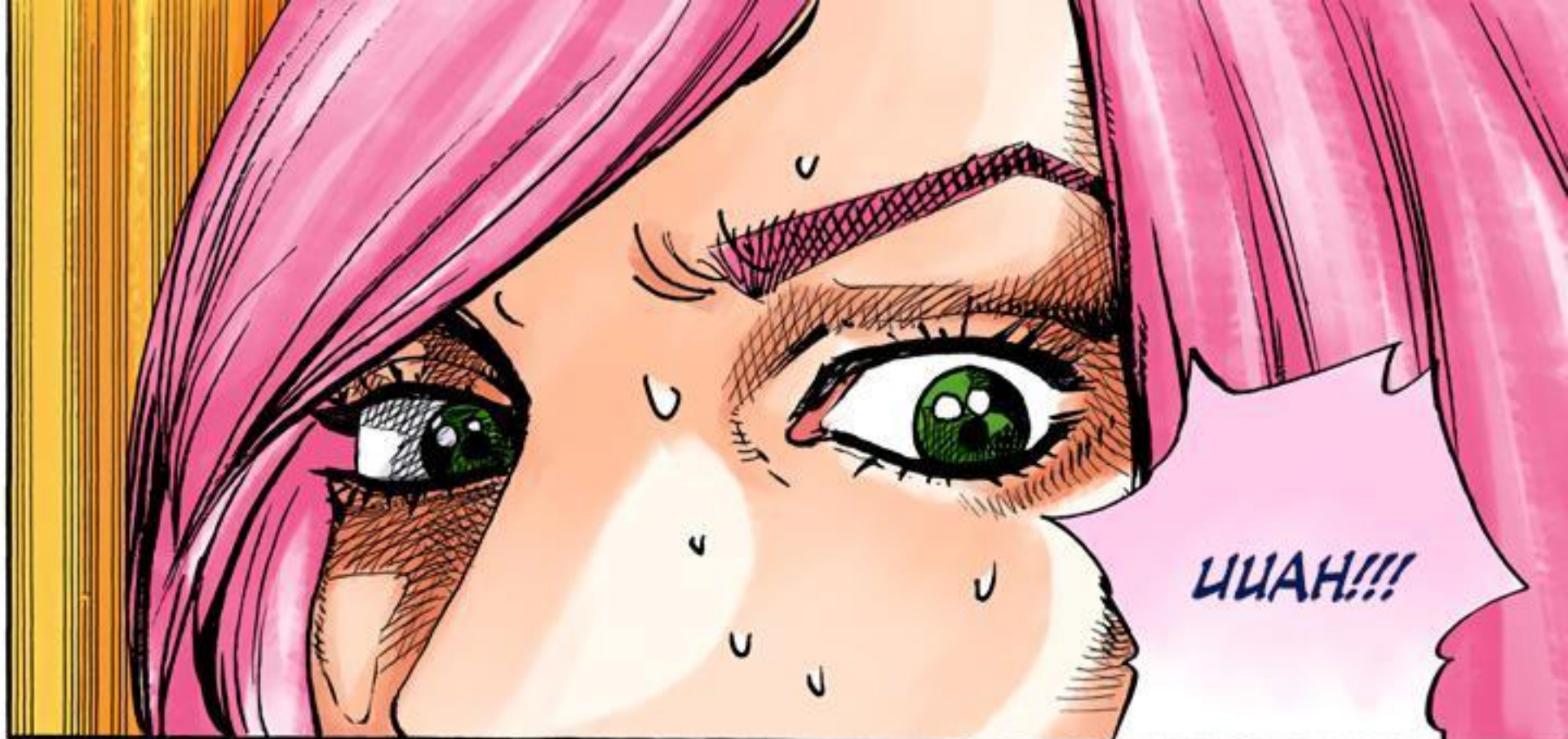
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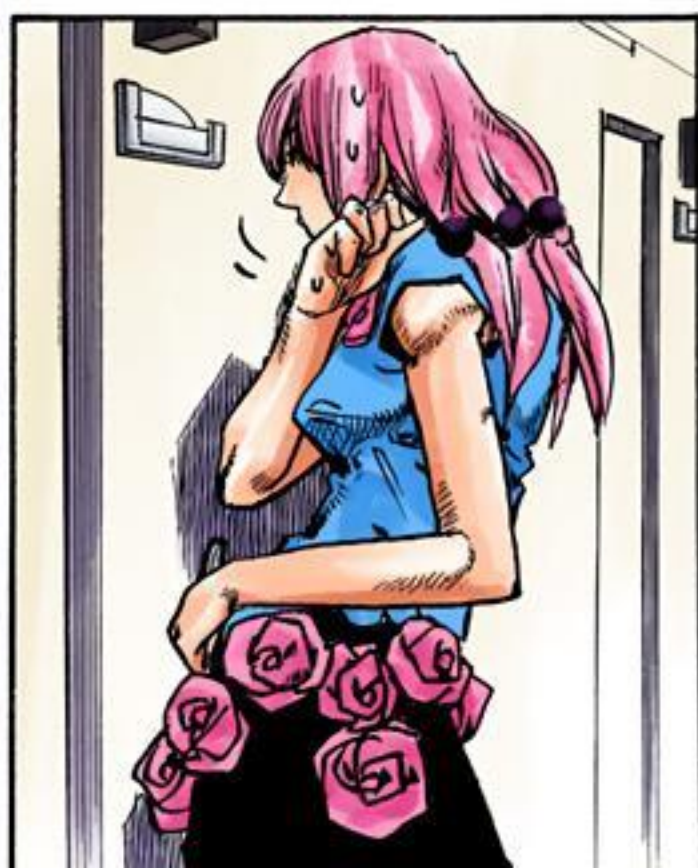
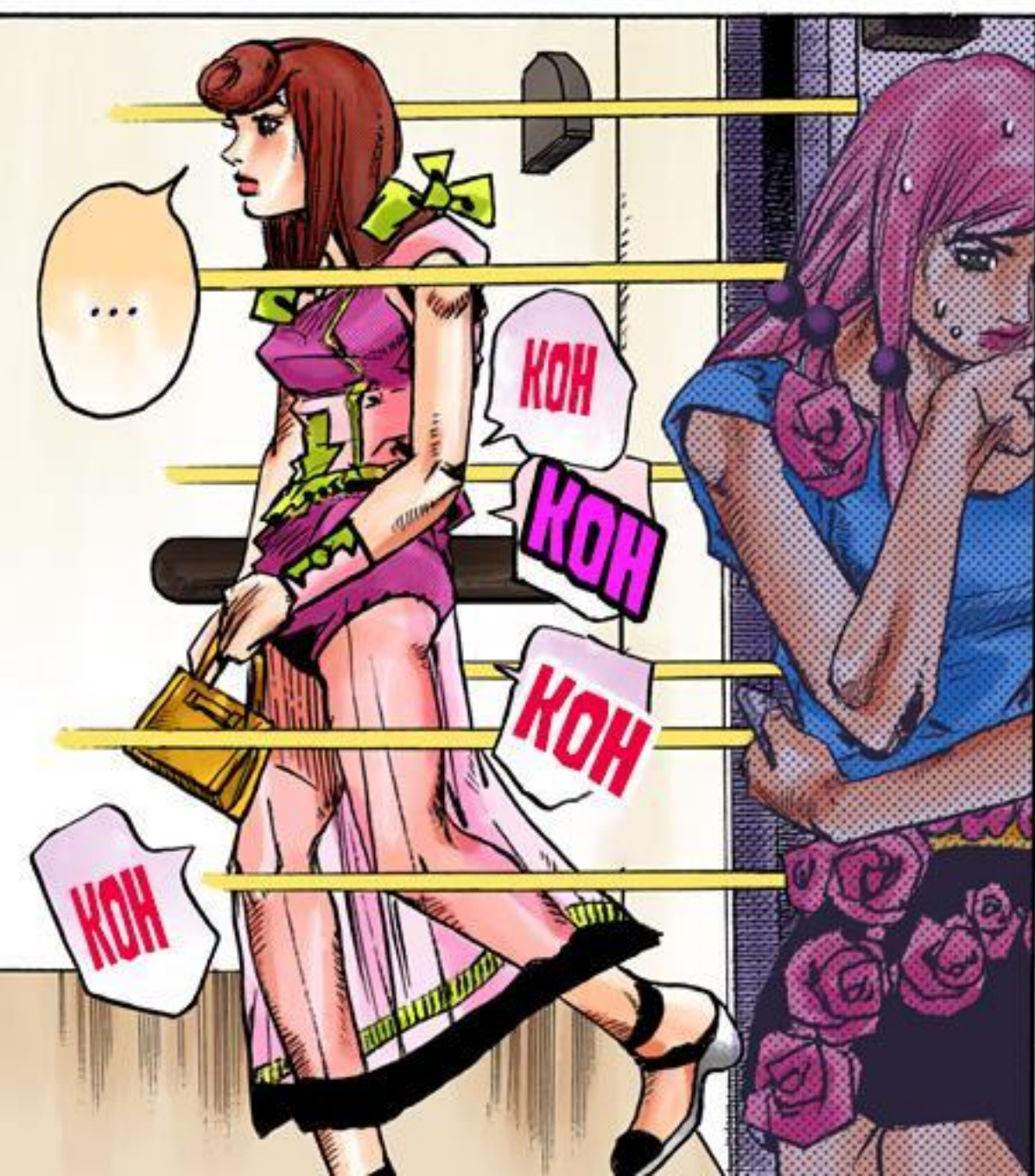
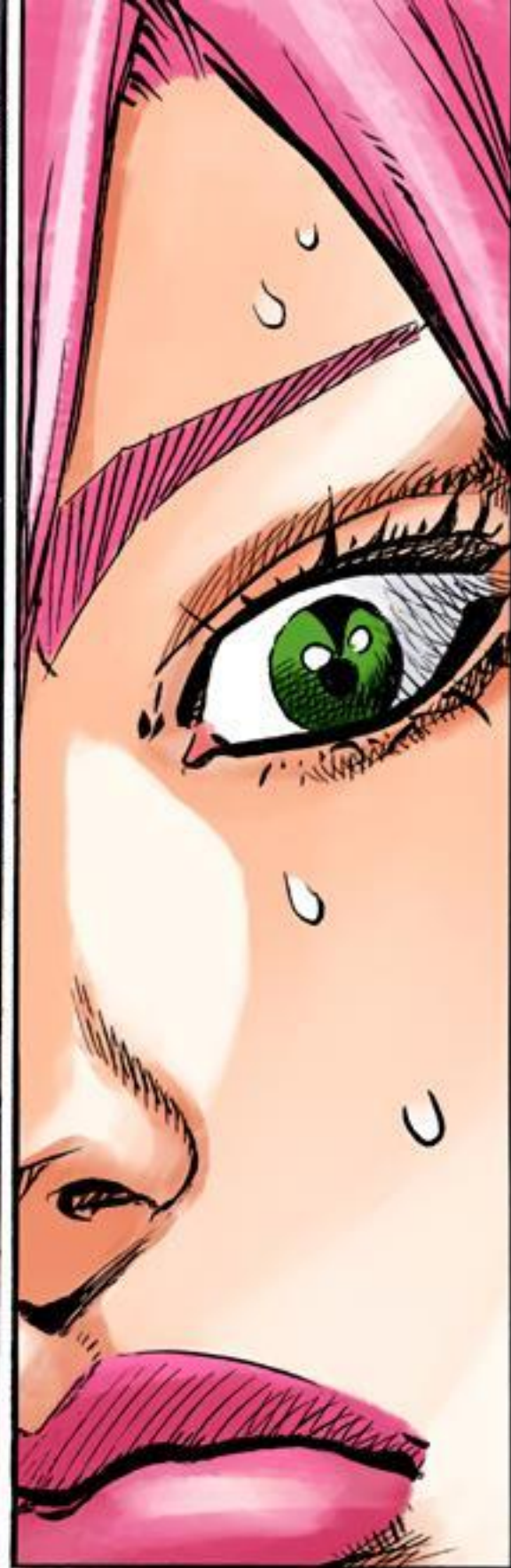
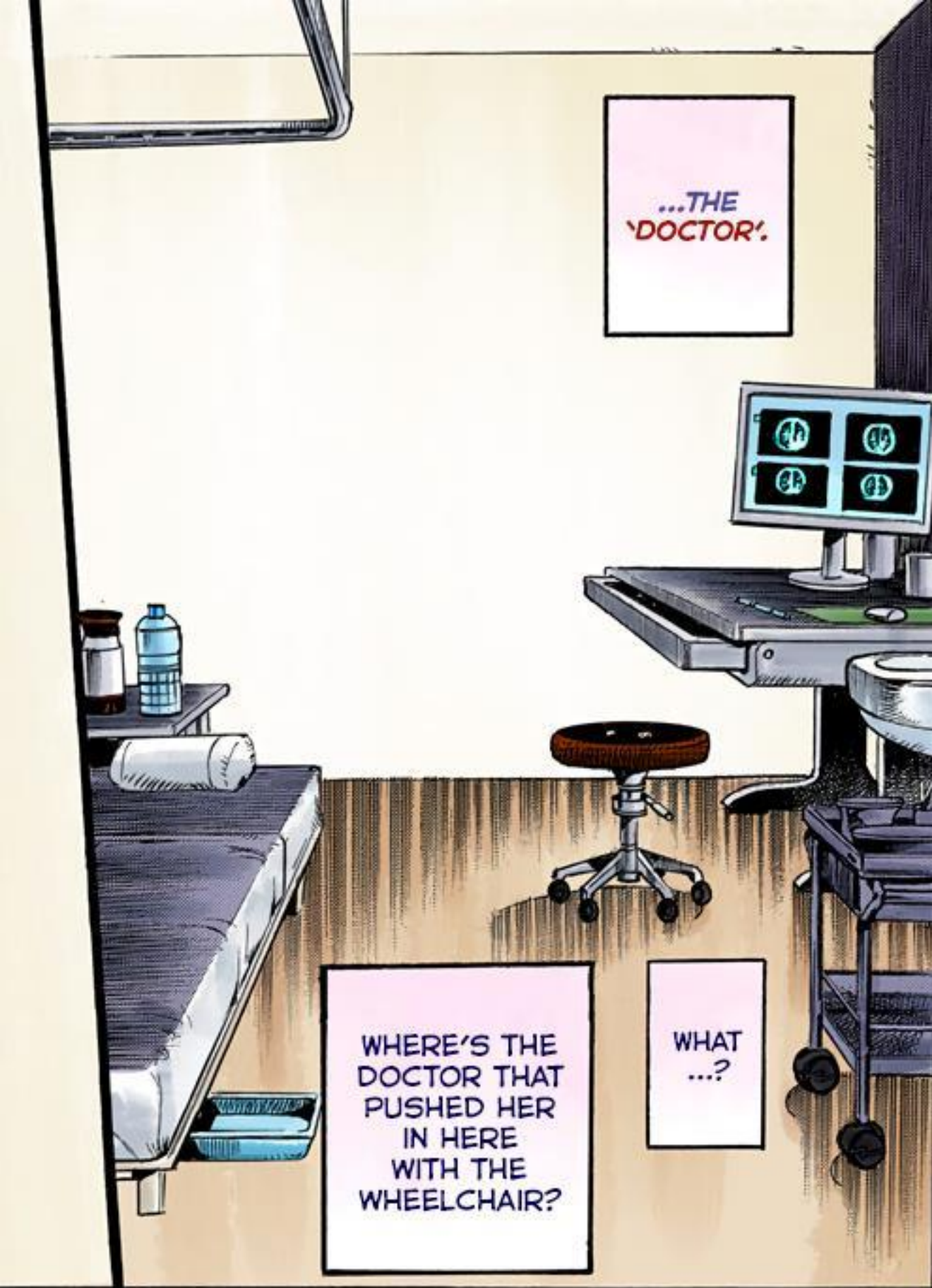
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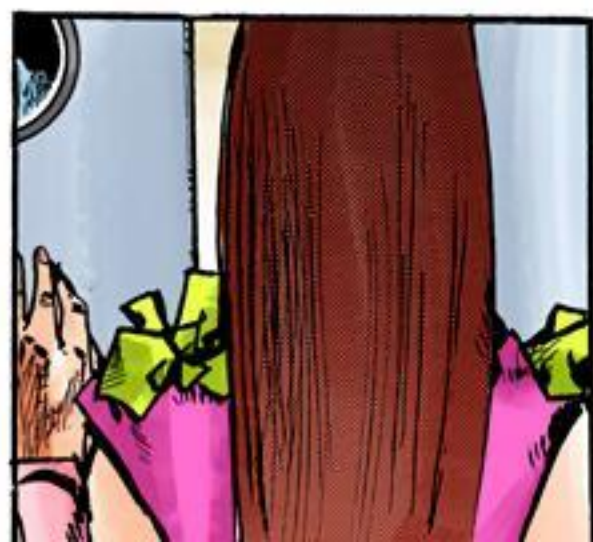
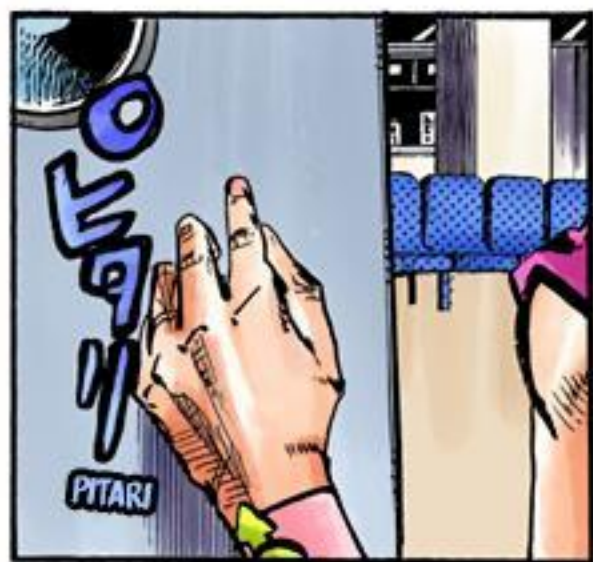
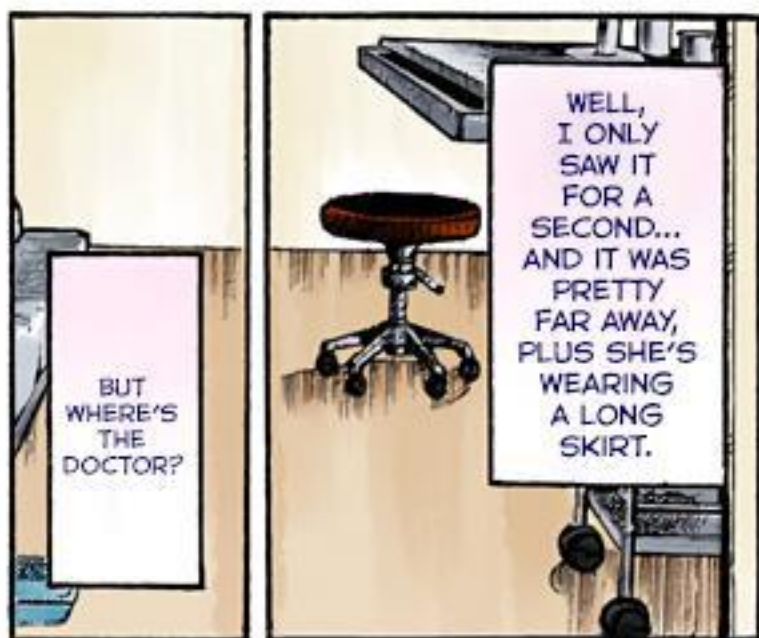
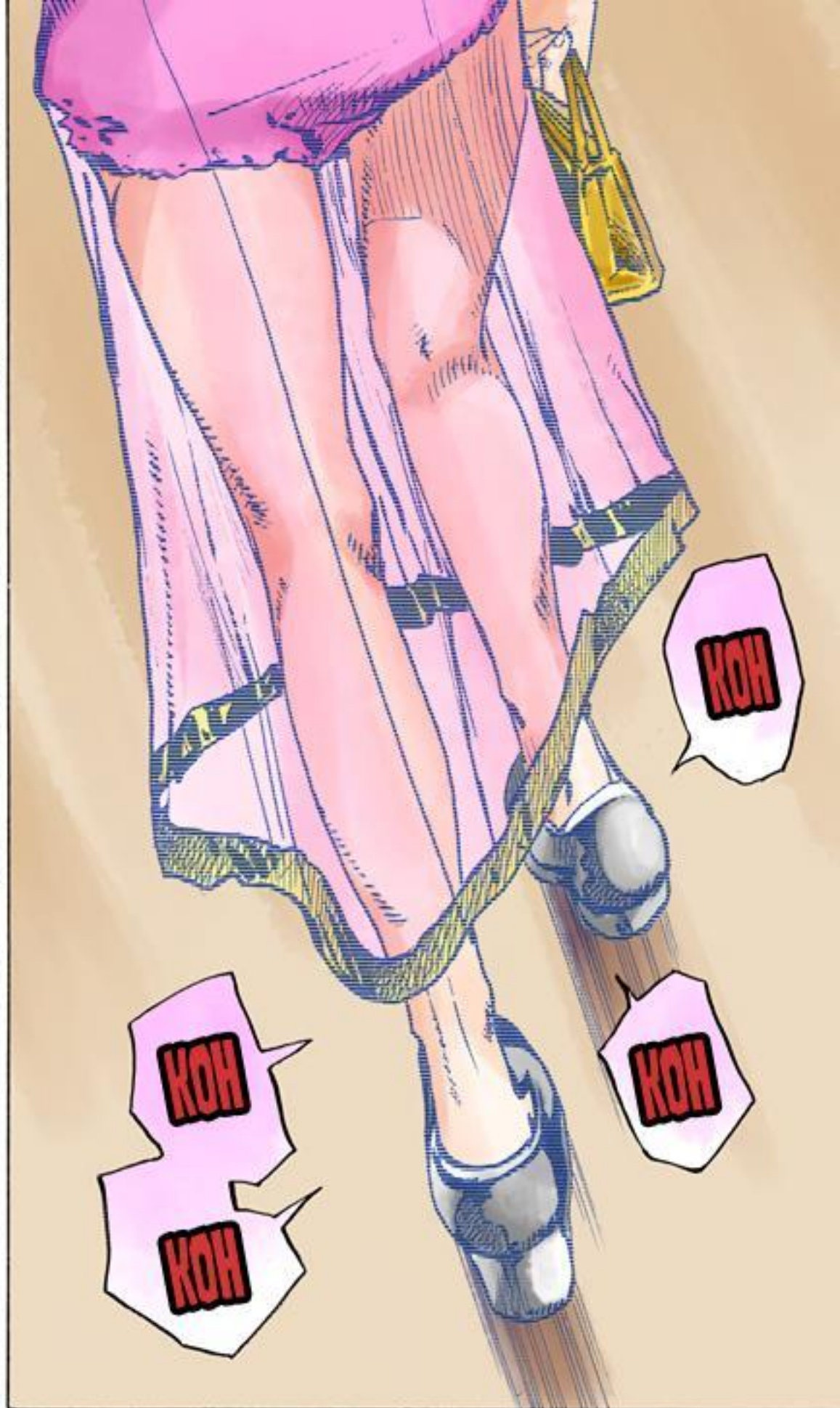




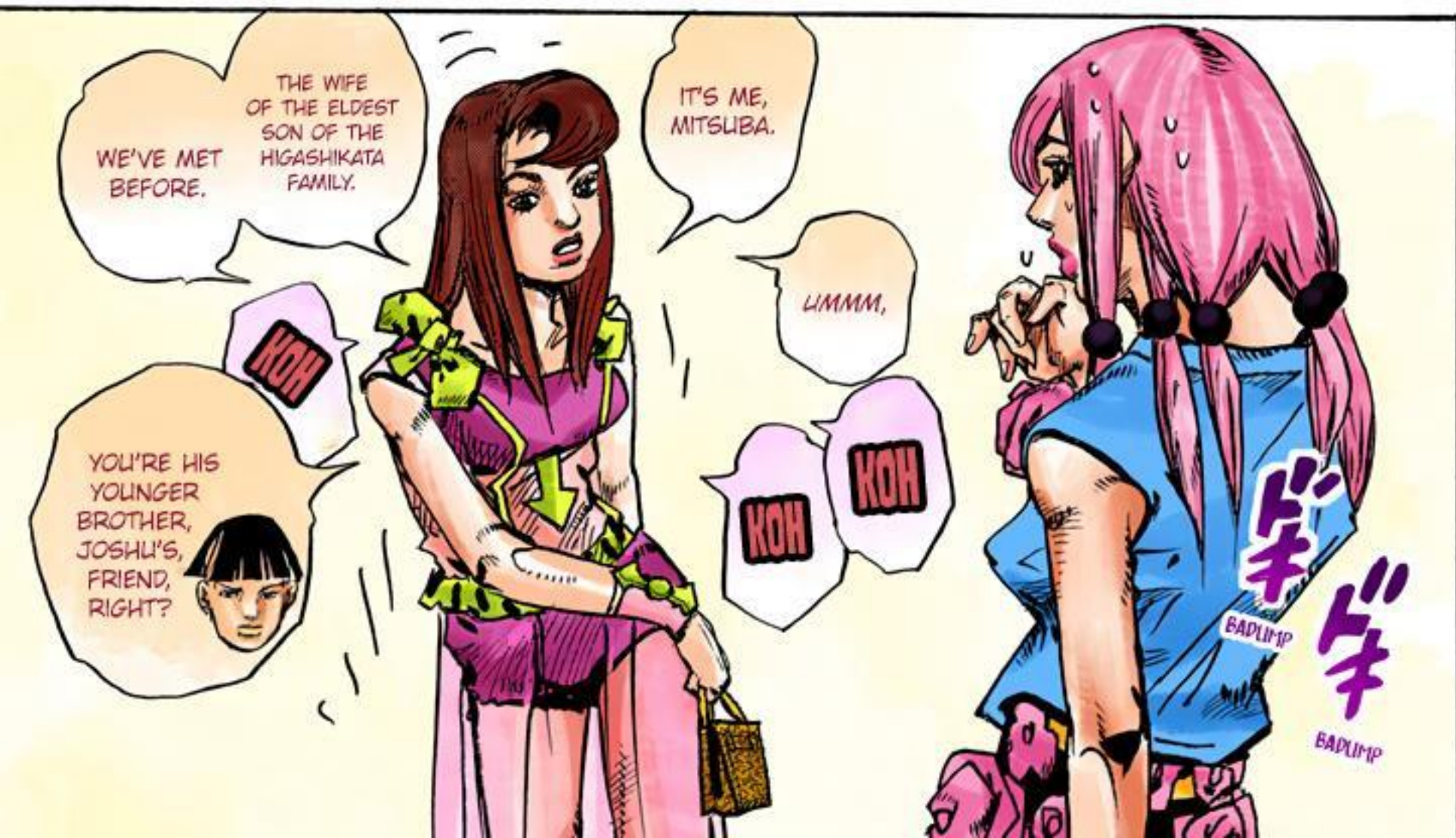
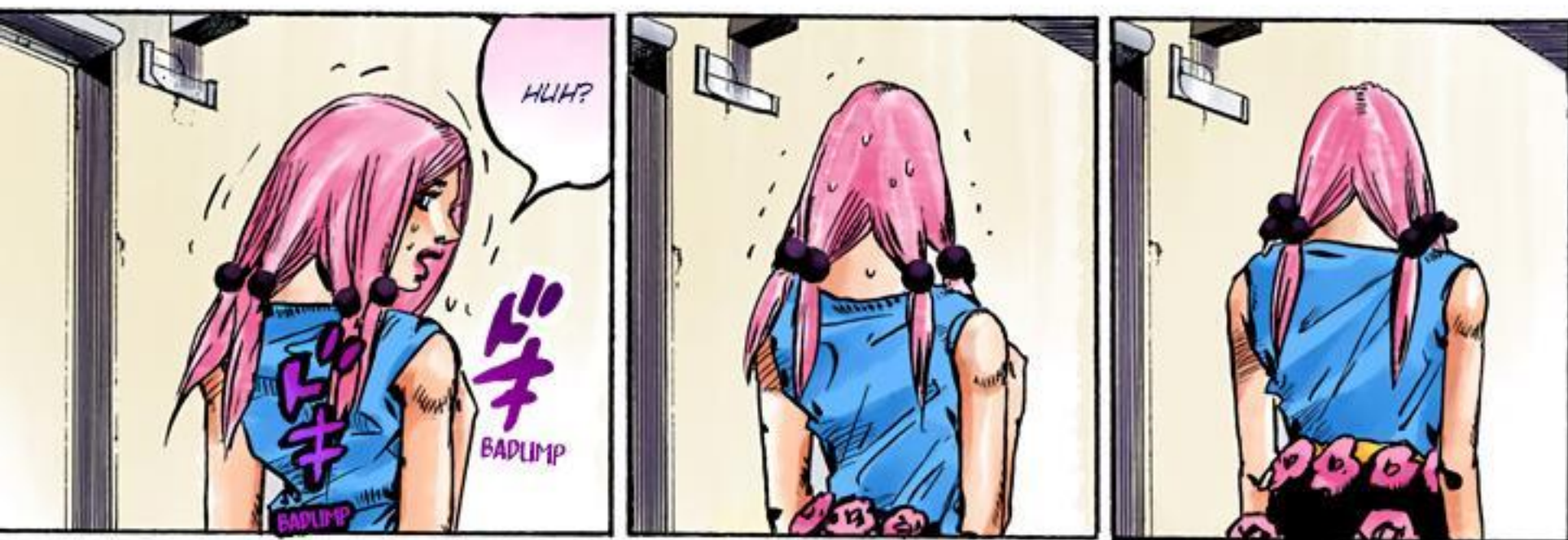
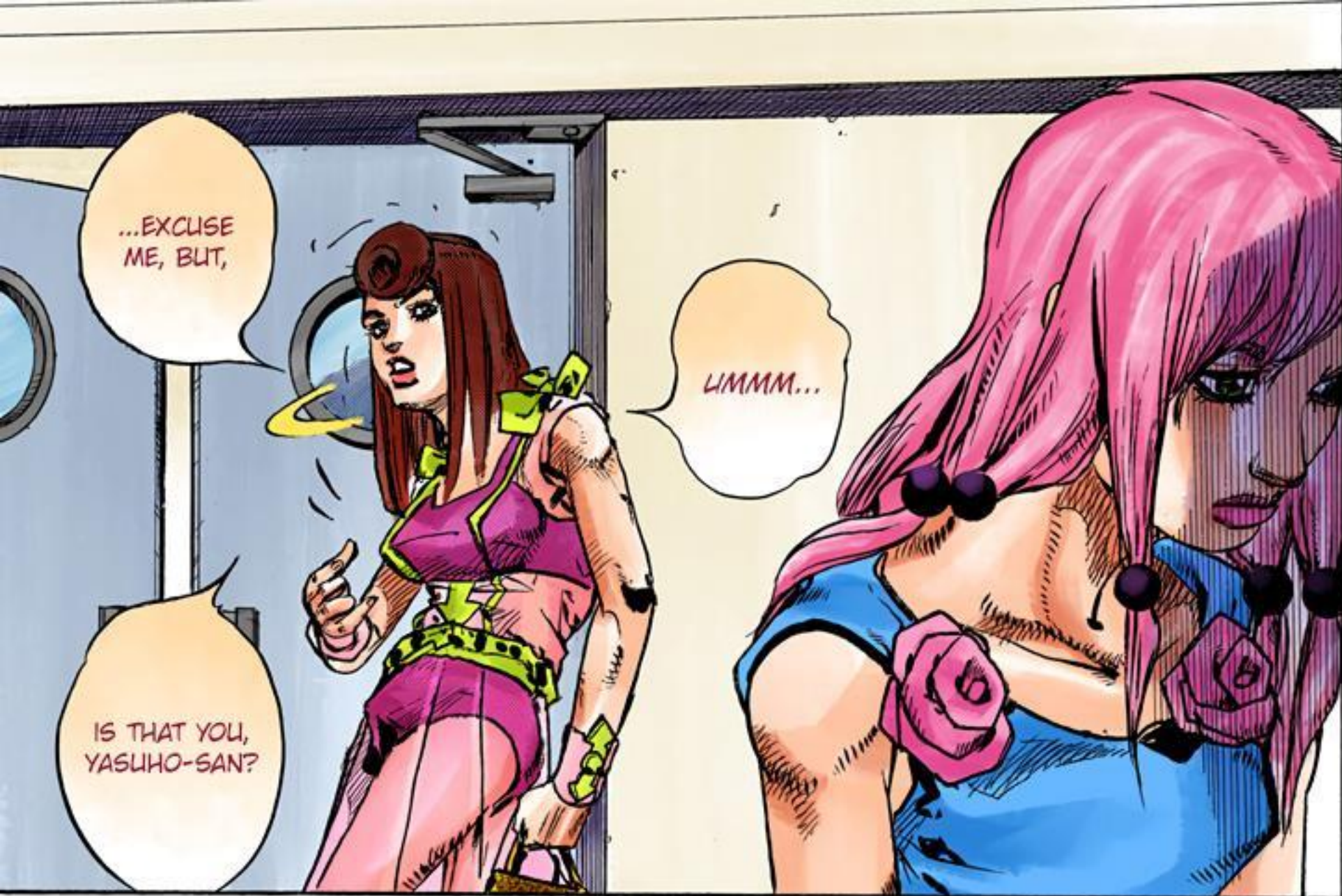




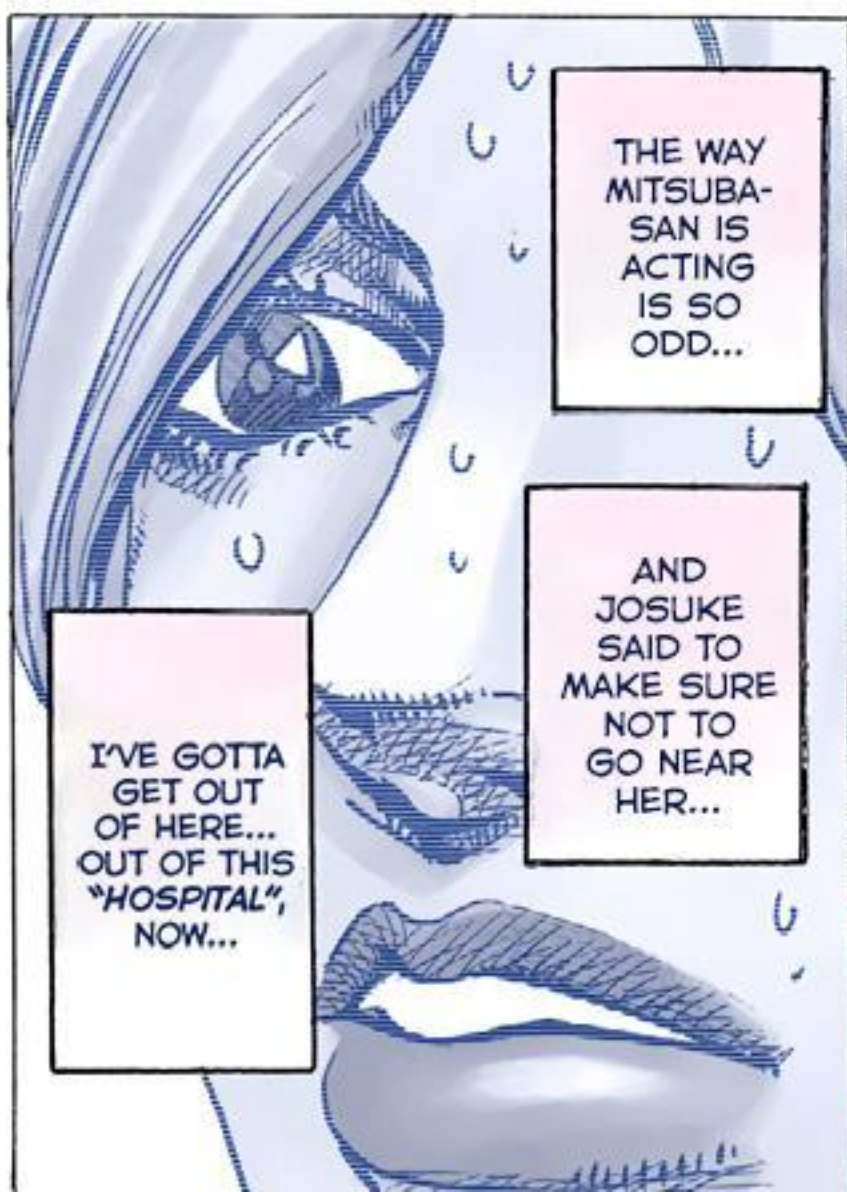
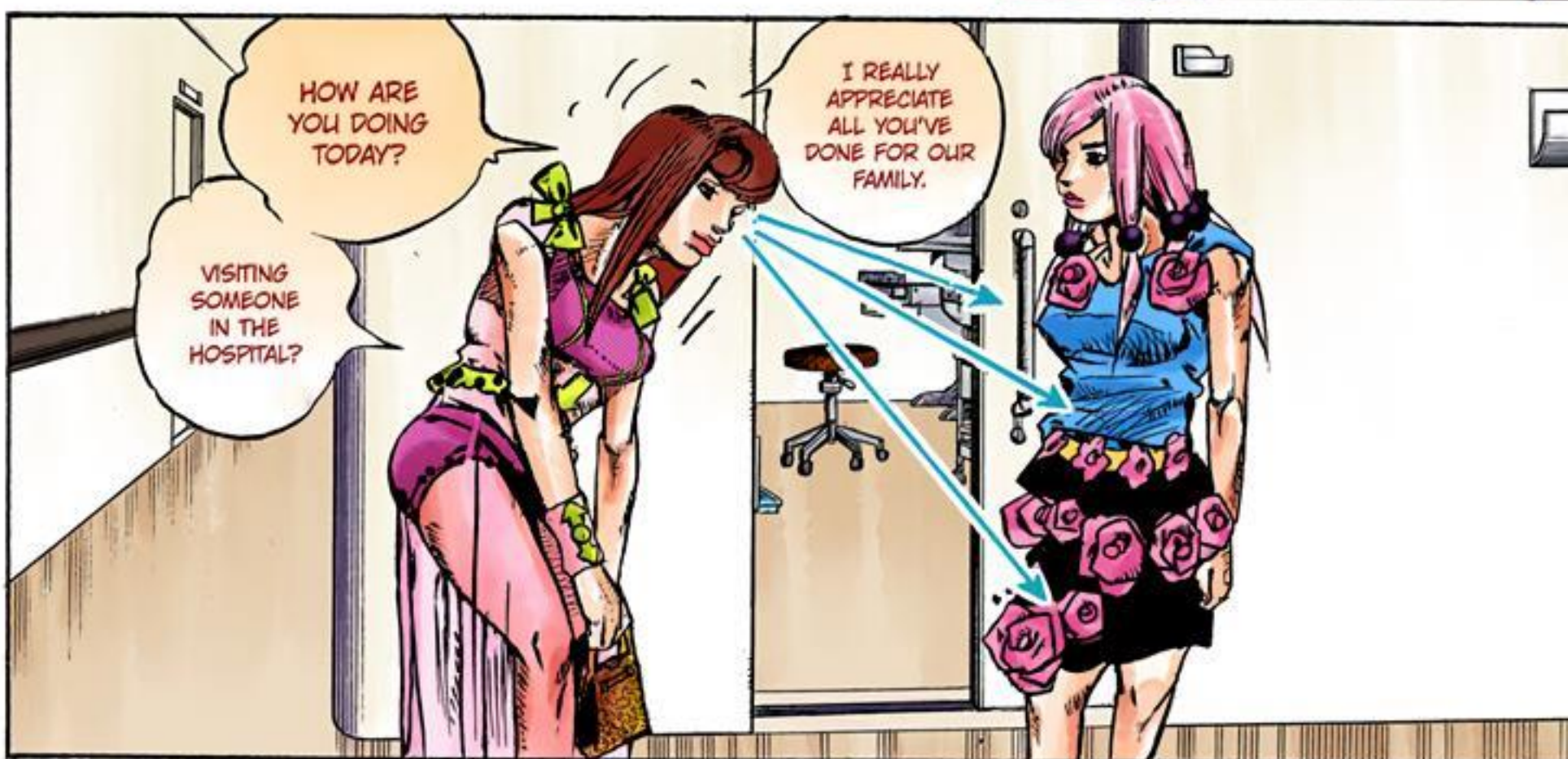
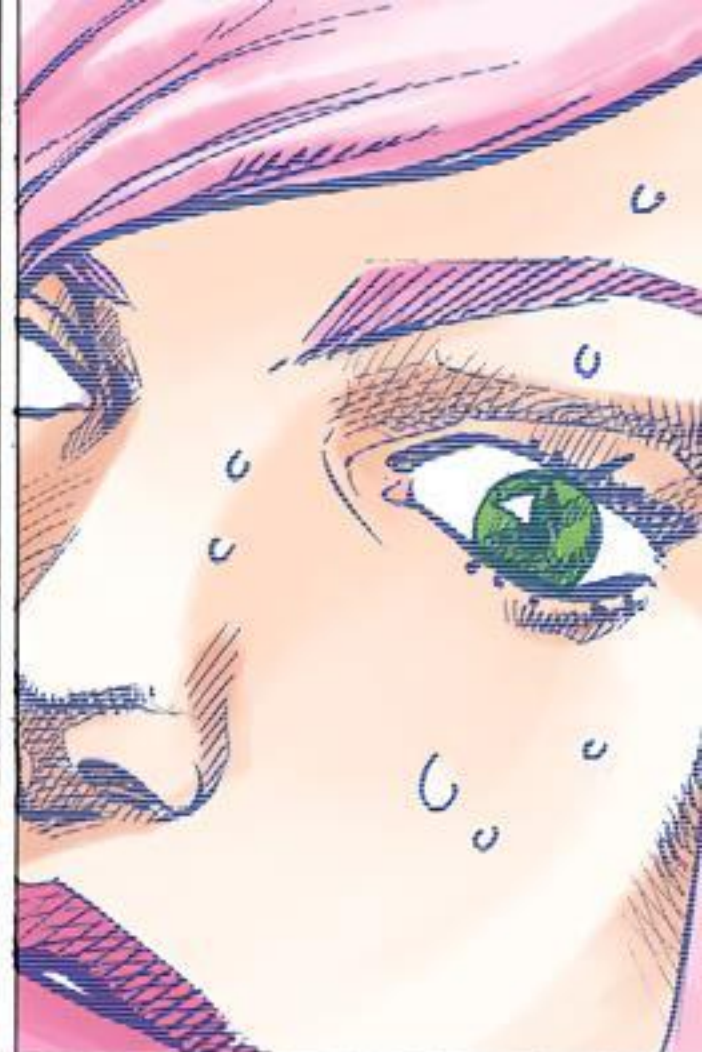
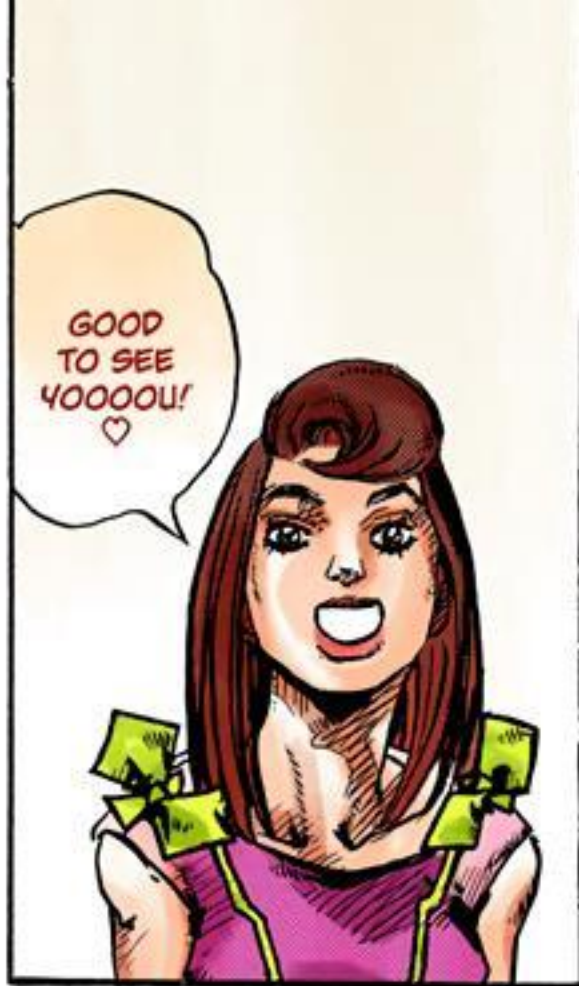




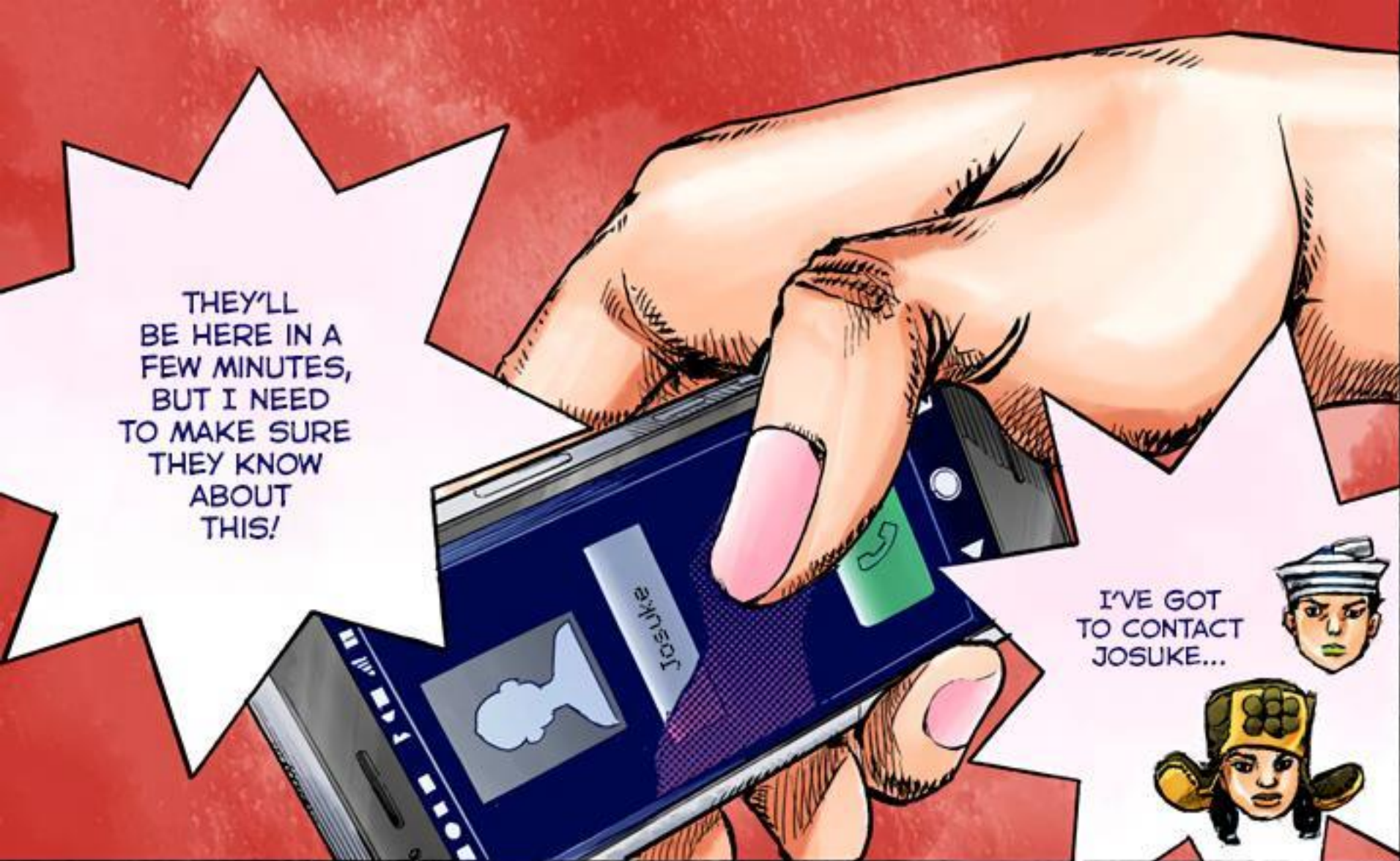




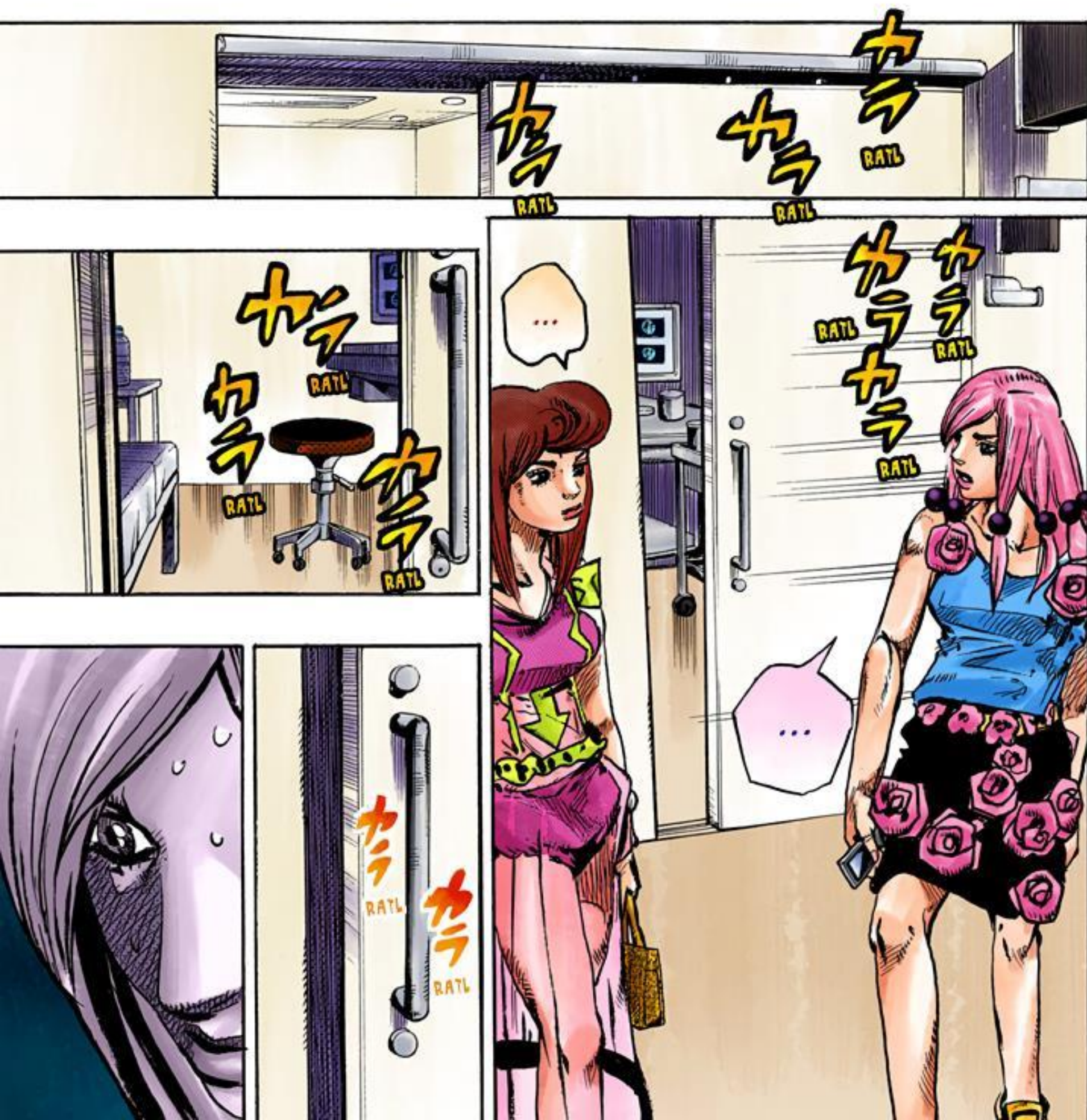




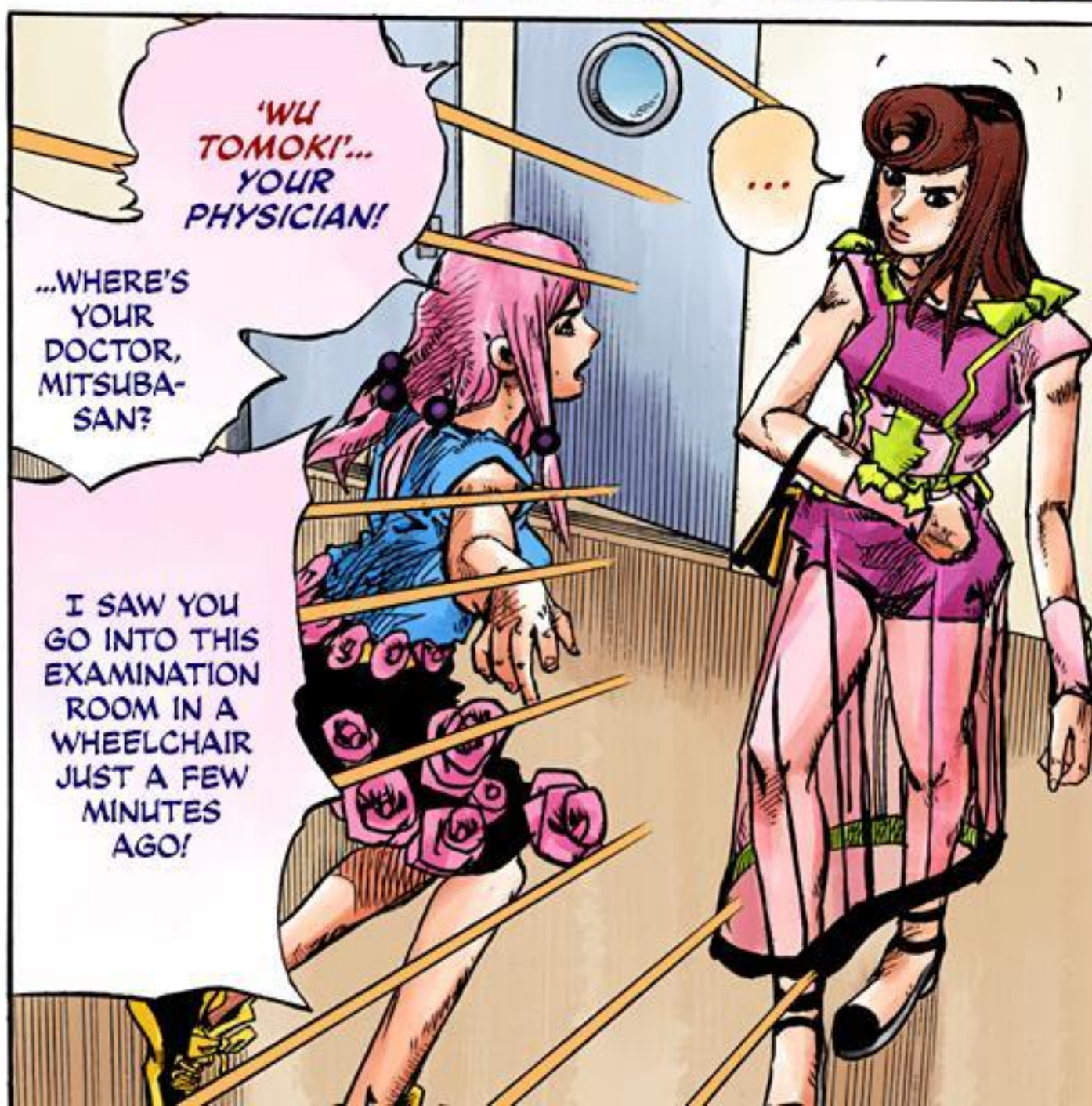
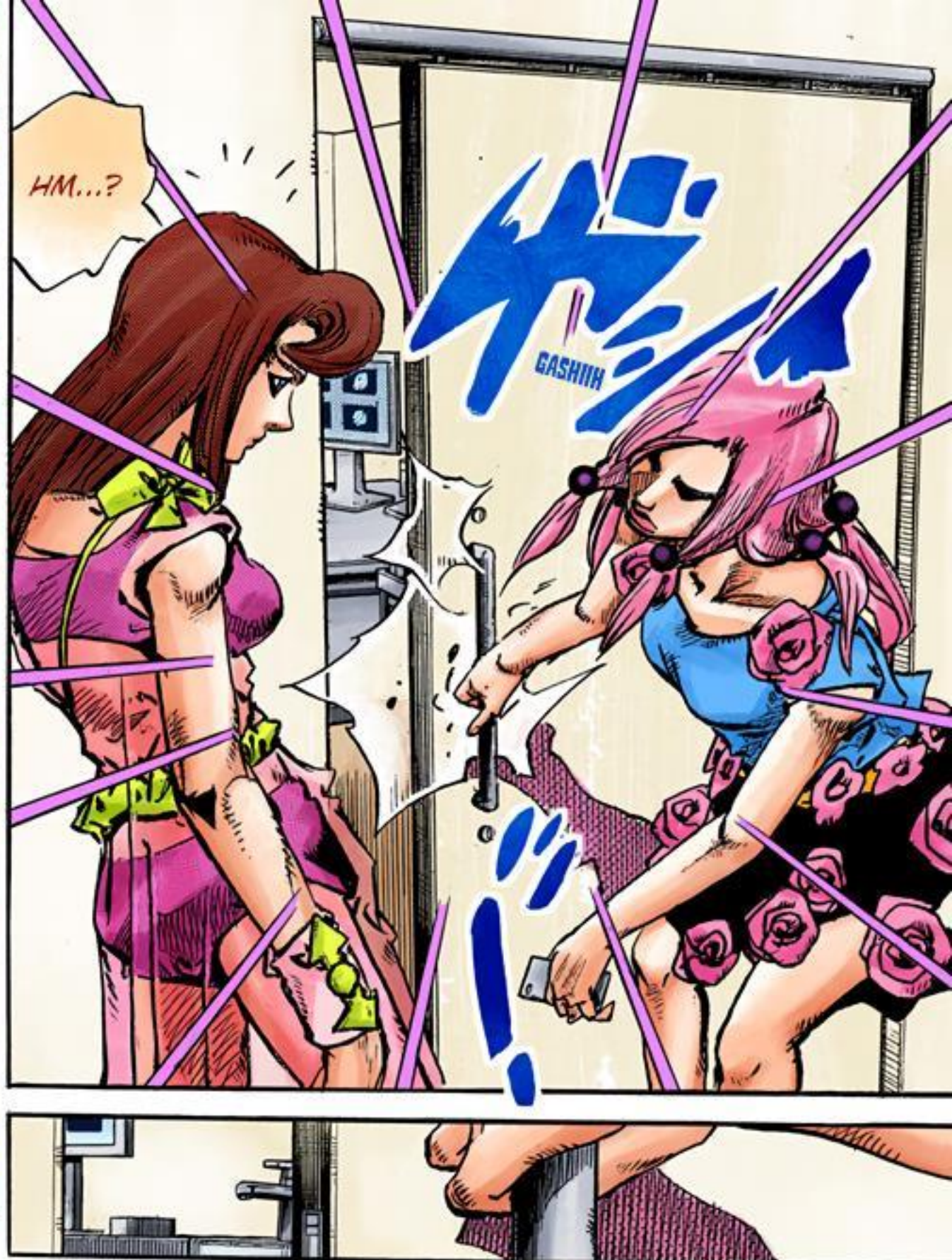




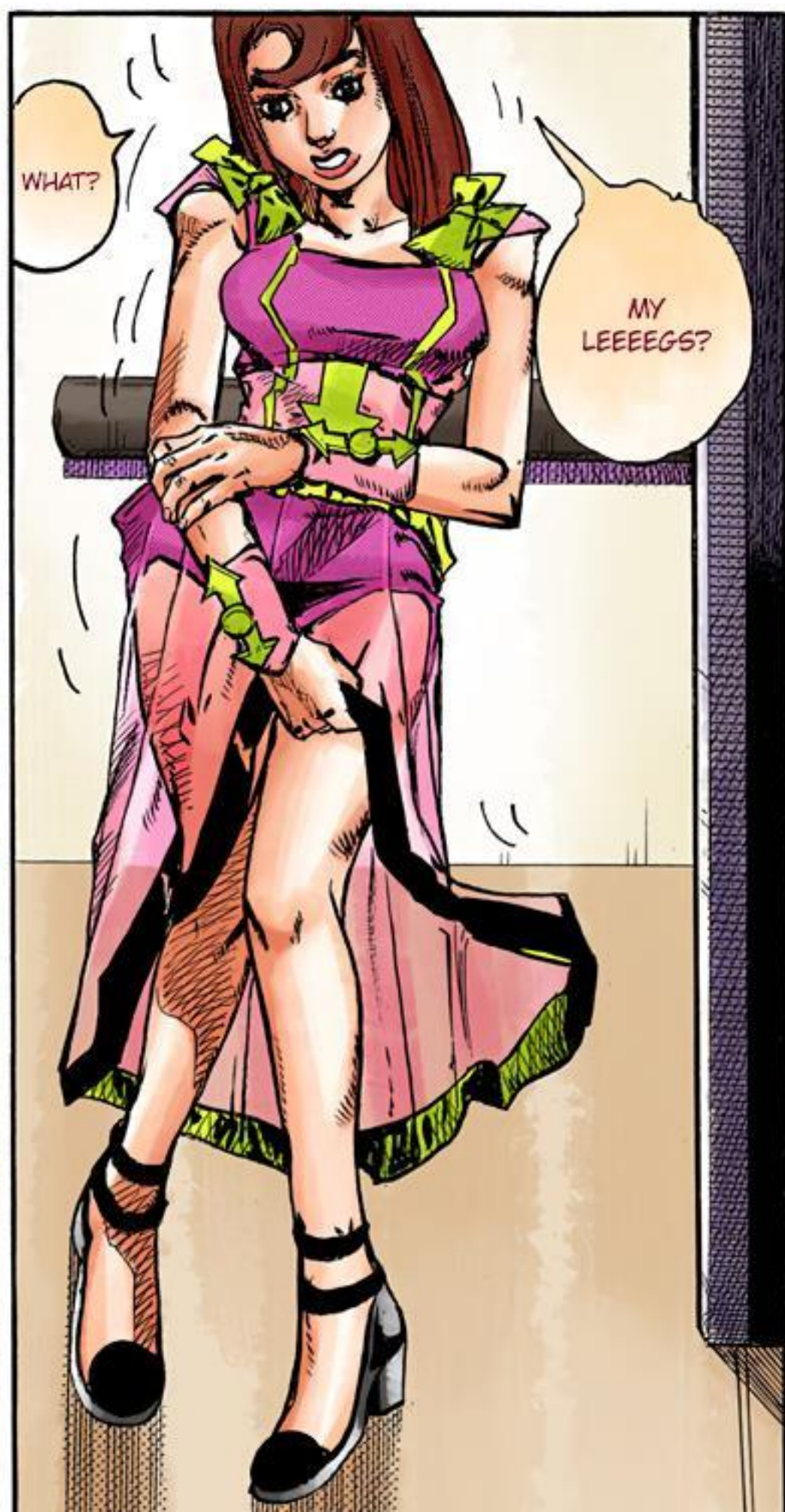
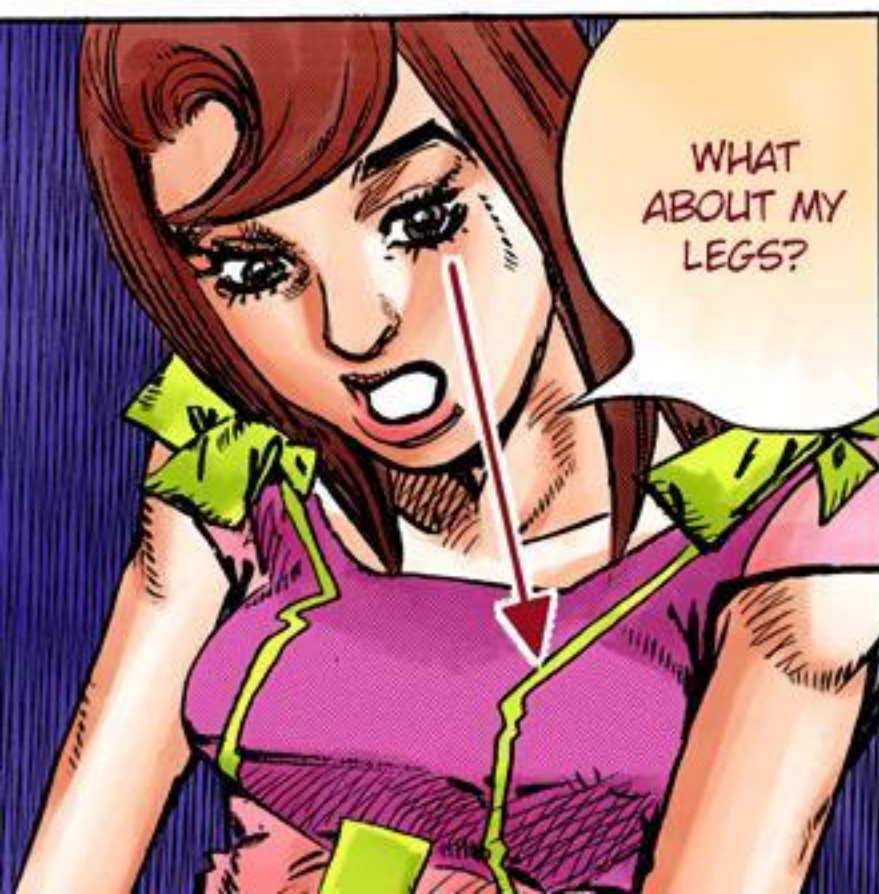
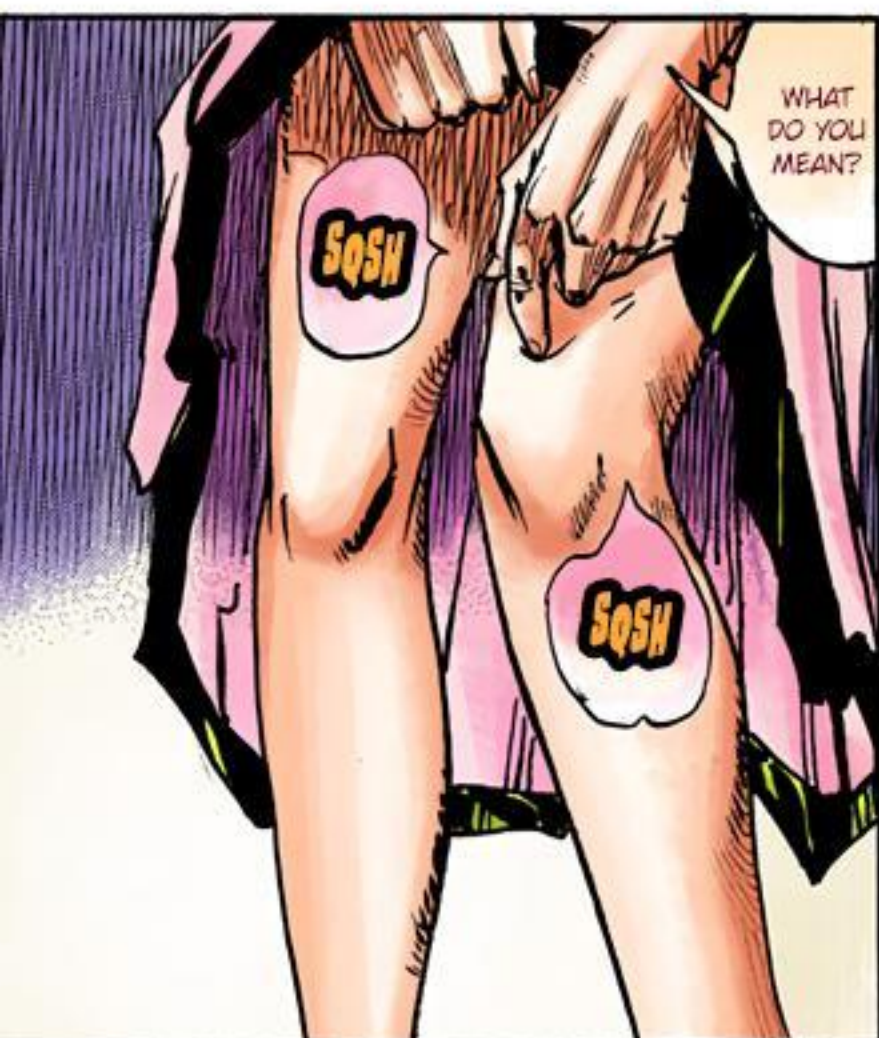
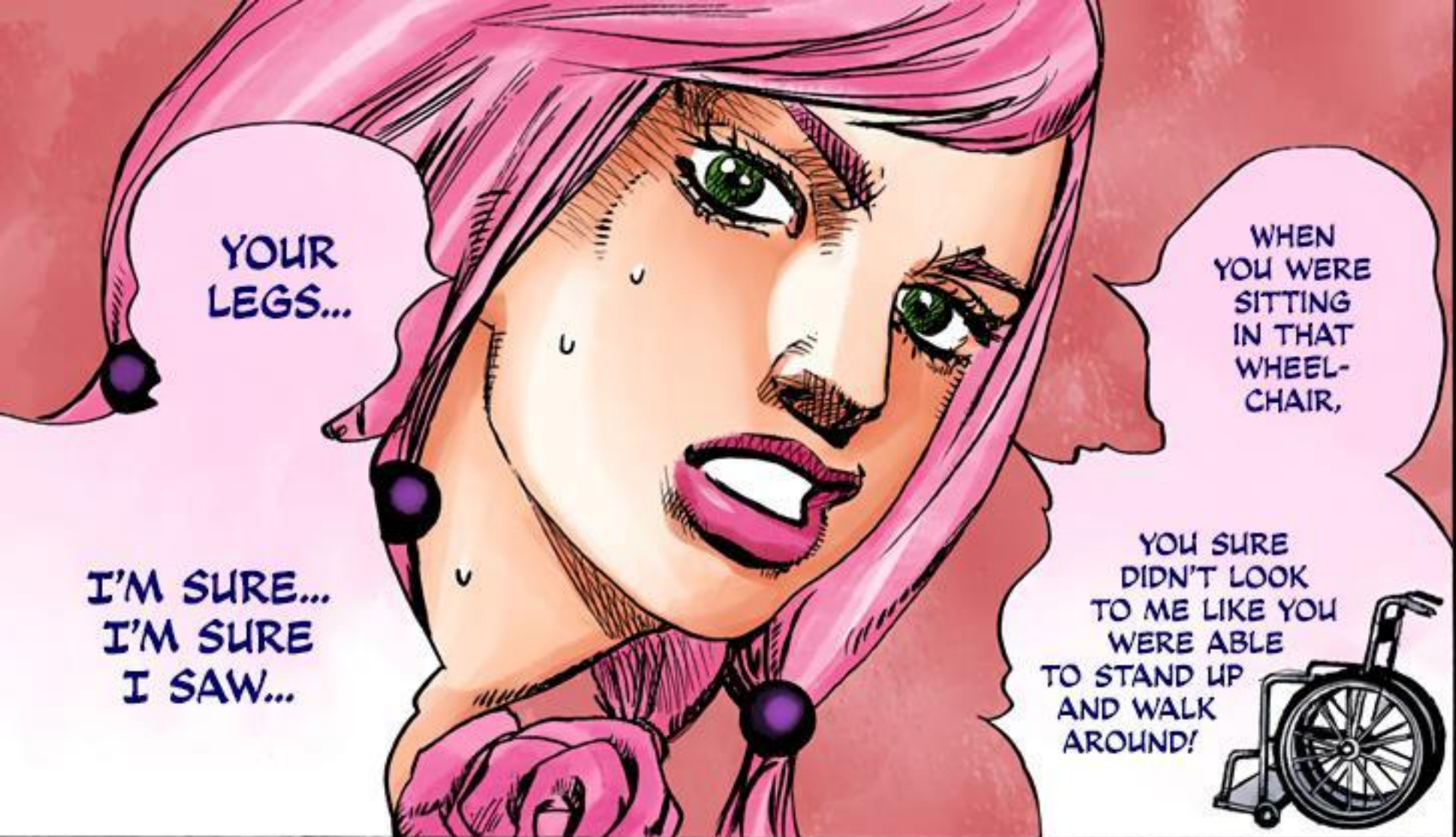
I'VE GOT TO CONTACT JOSUKE...



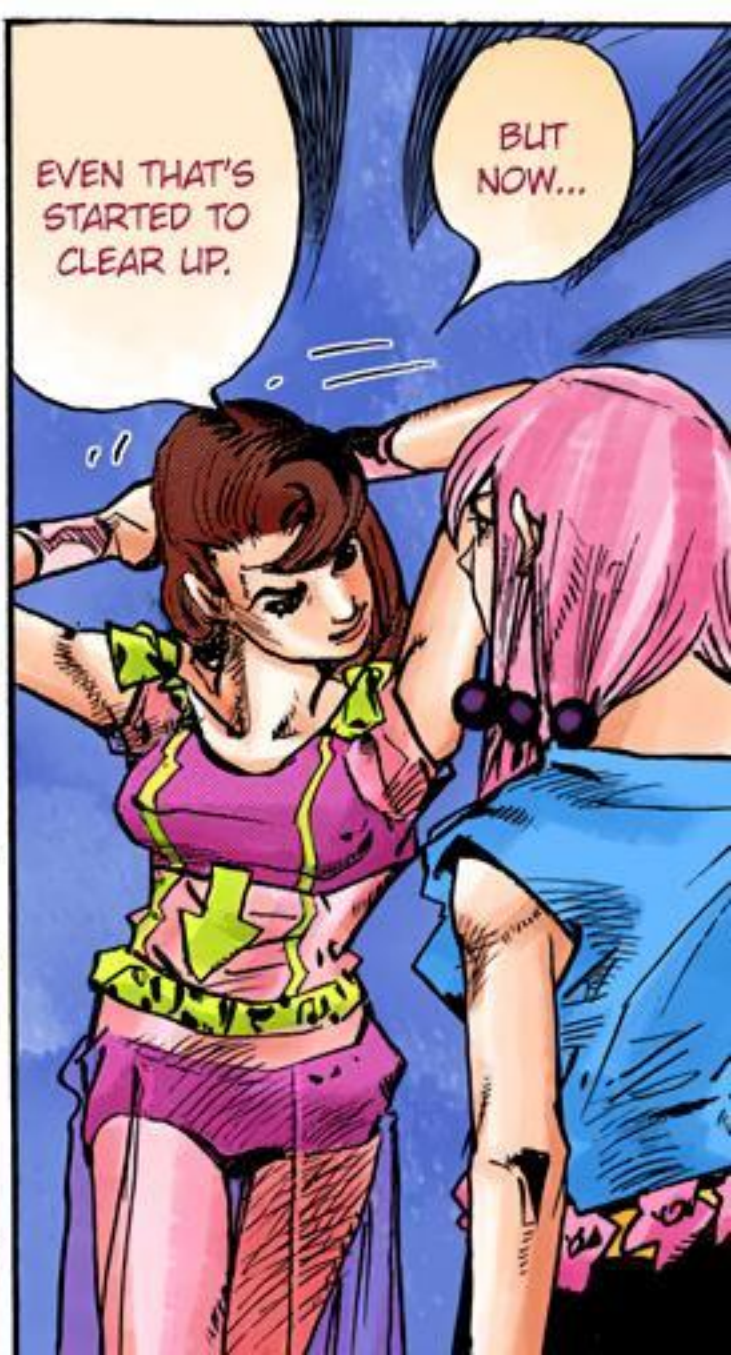
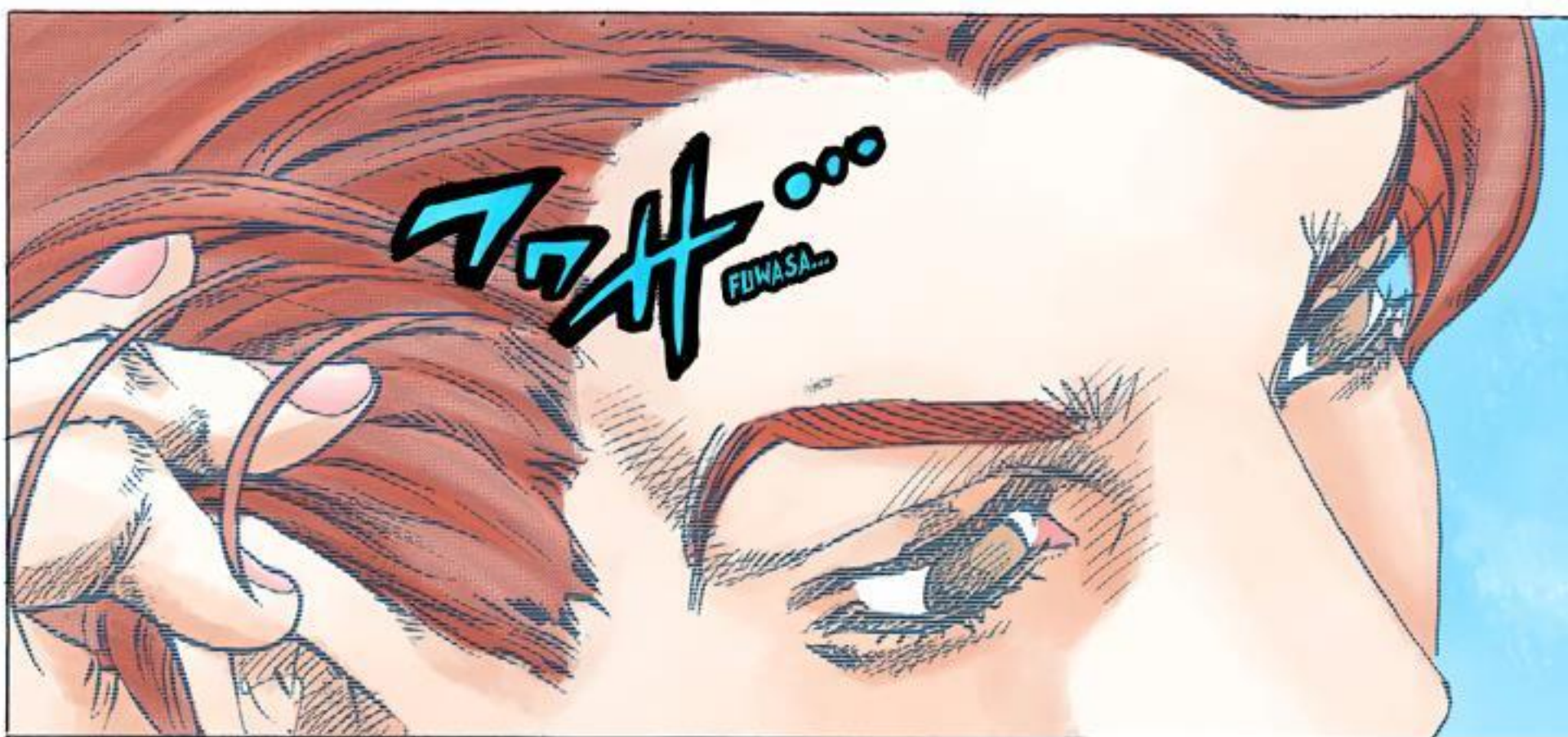
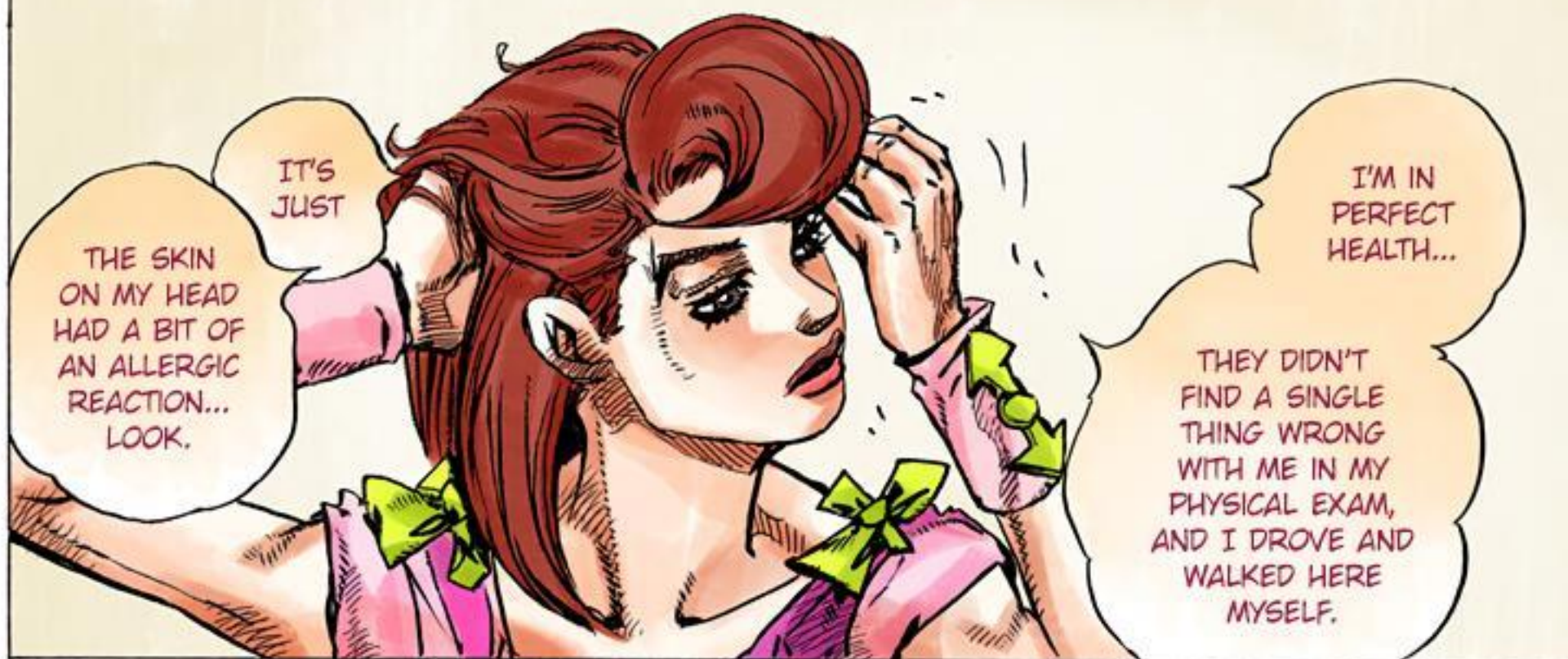




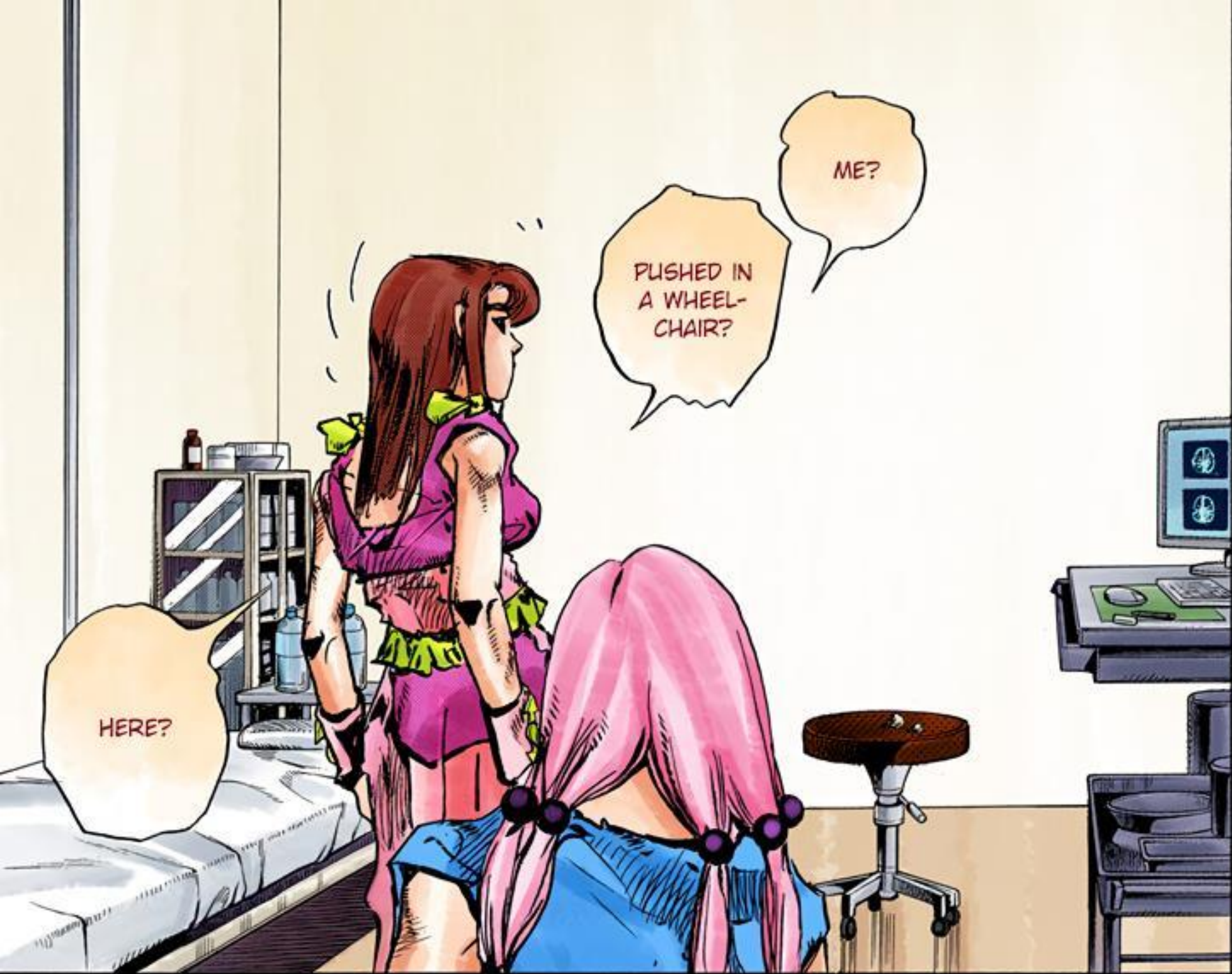




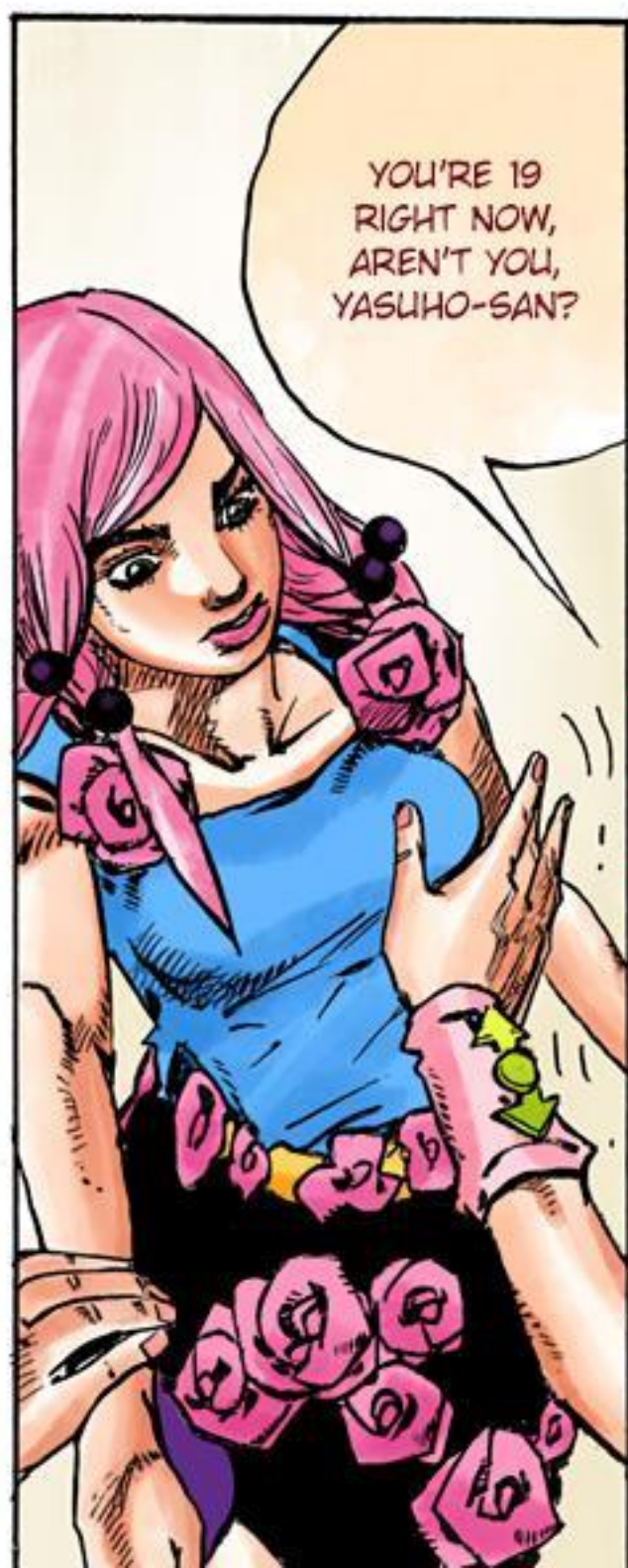
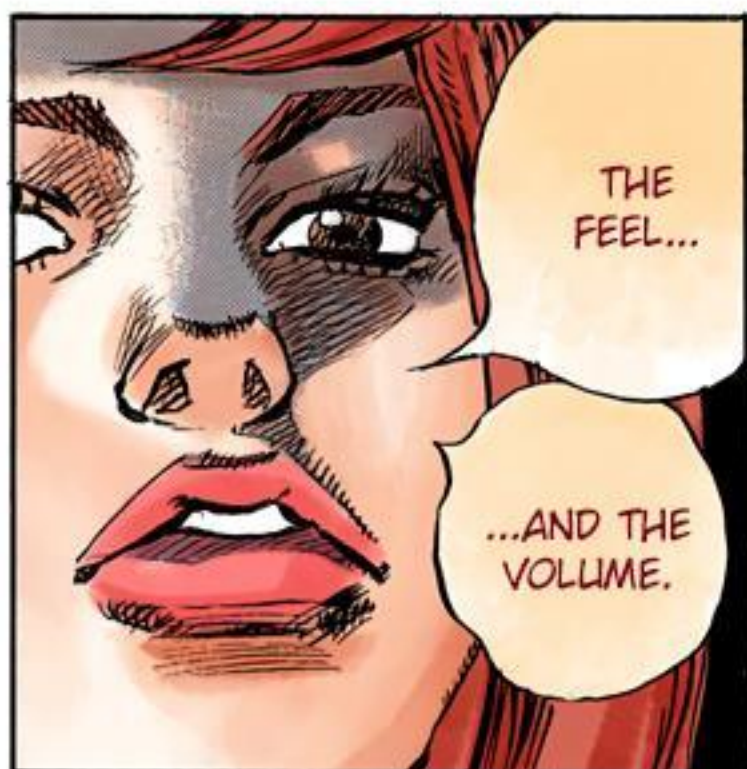










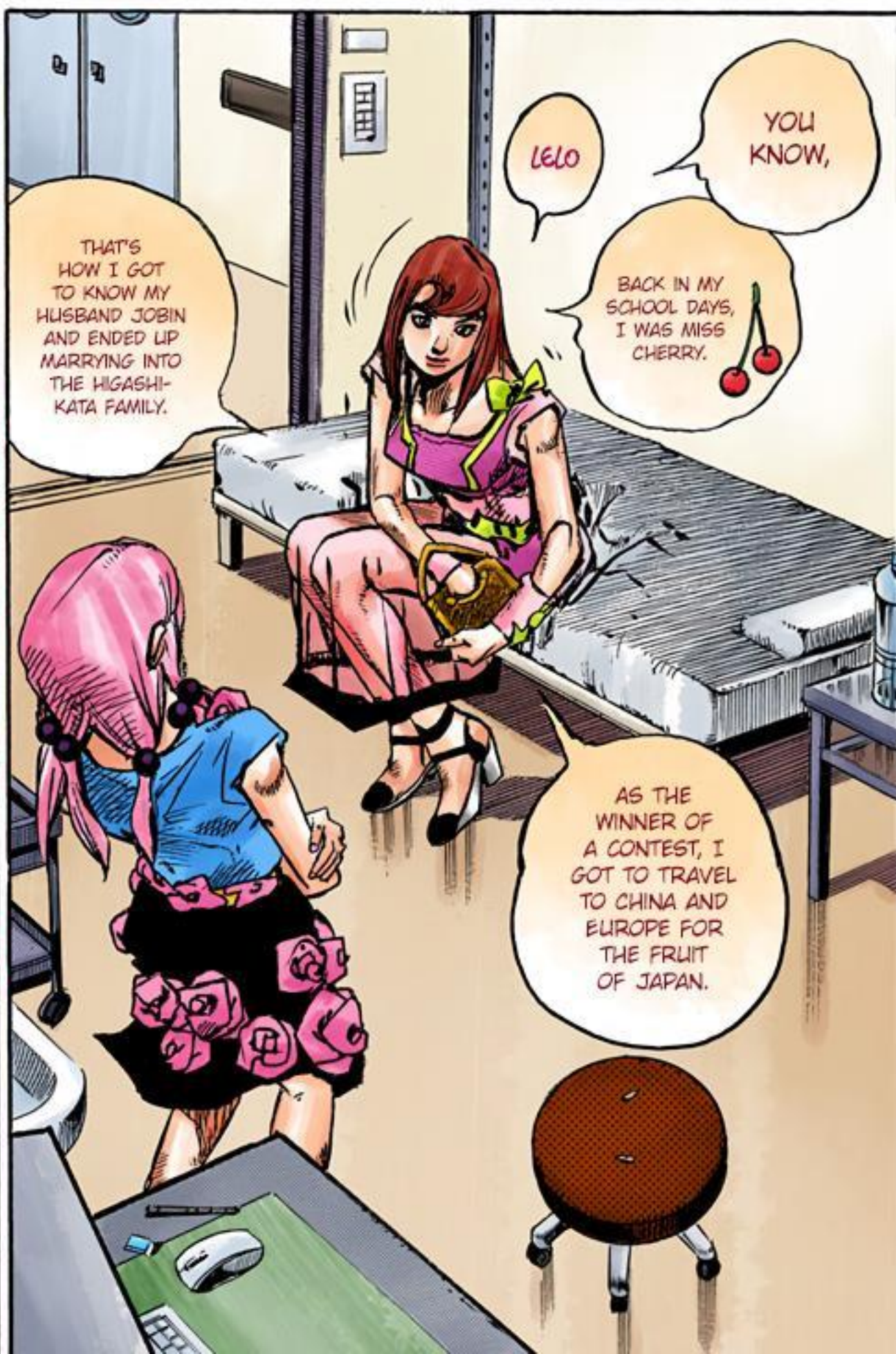






I WAS EVEN A MODEL FOR HIGASHIKATA FRUIT PARLOR ADS.

I HAD SUPPORT FROM THE WHOLE FAMILY AND IT HELPED SALES, TOO.



LELO

YOU KNOW,

BACK IN MY SCHOOL DAYS, I WAS MISS CHERRY.

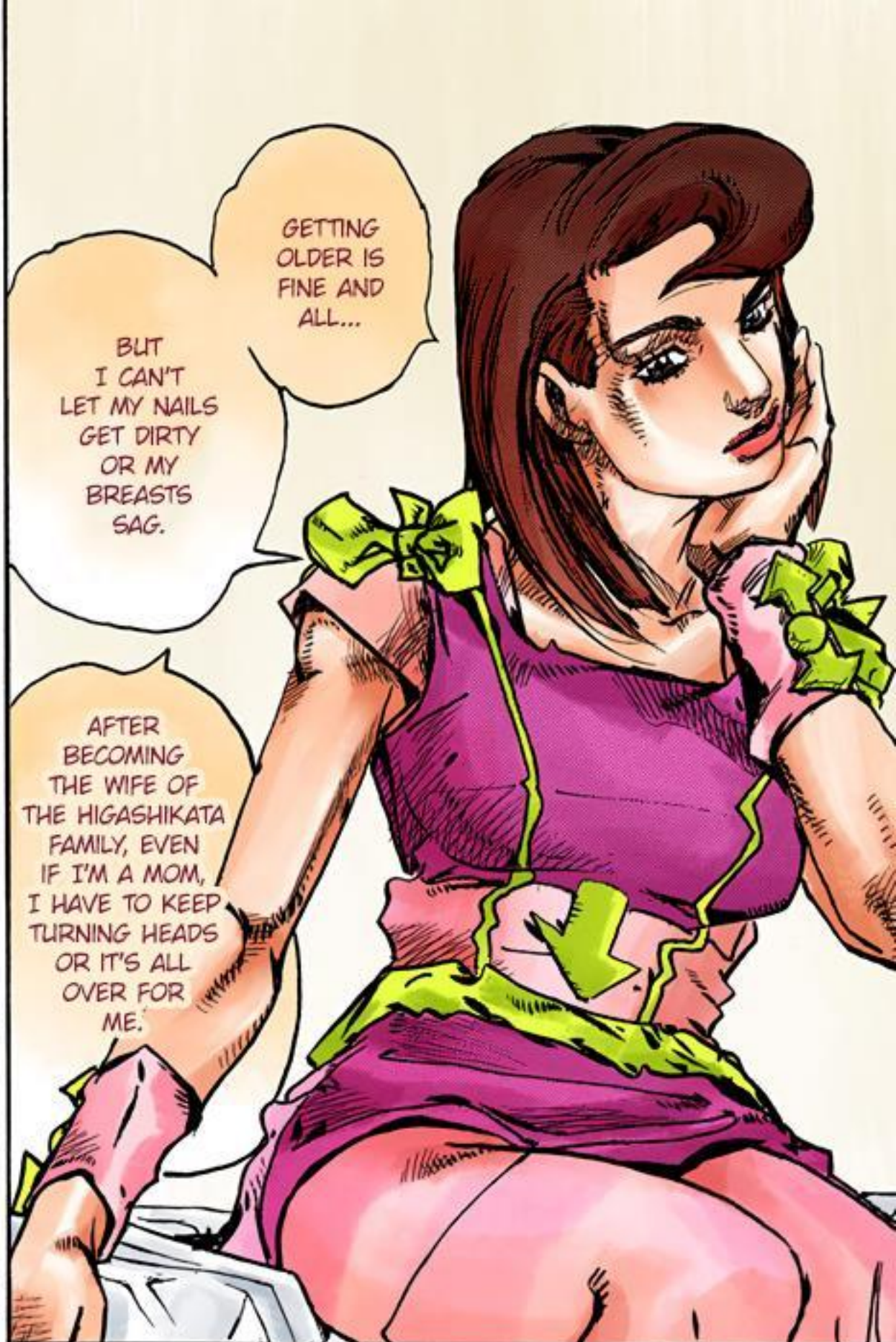
AS THE WINNER OF A CONTEST, I GOT TO TRAVEL TO CHINA AND EUROPE FOR THE FRUIT OF JAPAN.





I'M ASKING YOU SOMETHING VERY SIMPLE.

MITSUBA-SAN,



GETTING OLDER IS FINE AND ALL...

BUT I CAN'T LET MY NAILS GET DIRTY OR MY BREASTS SAG.

AFTER BECOMING THE WIFE OF THE HIGASHIKATA FAMILY, EVEN IF I'M A MOM, I HAVE TO KEEP TURNING HEADS OR IT'S ALL OVER FOR ME.



NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT... YOU'RE RIGHT.

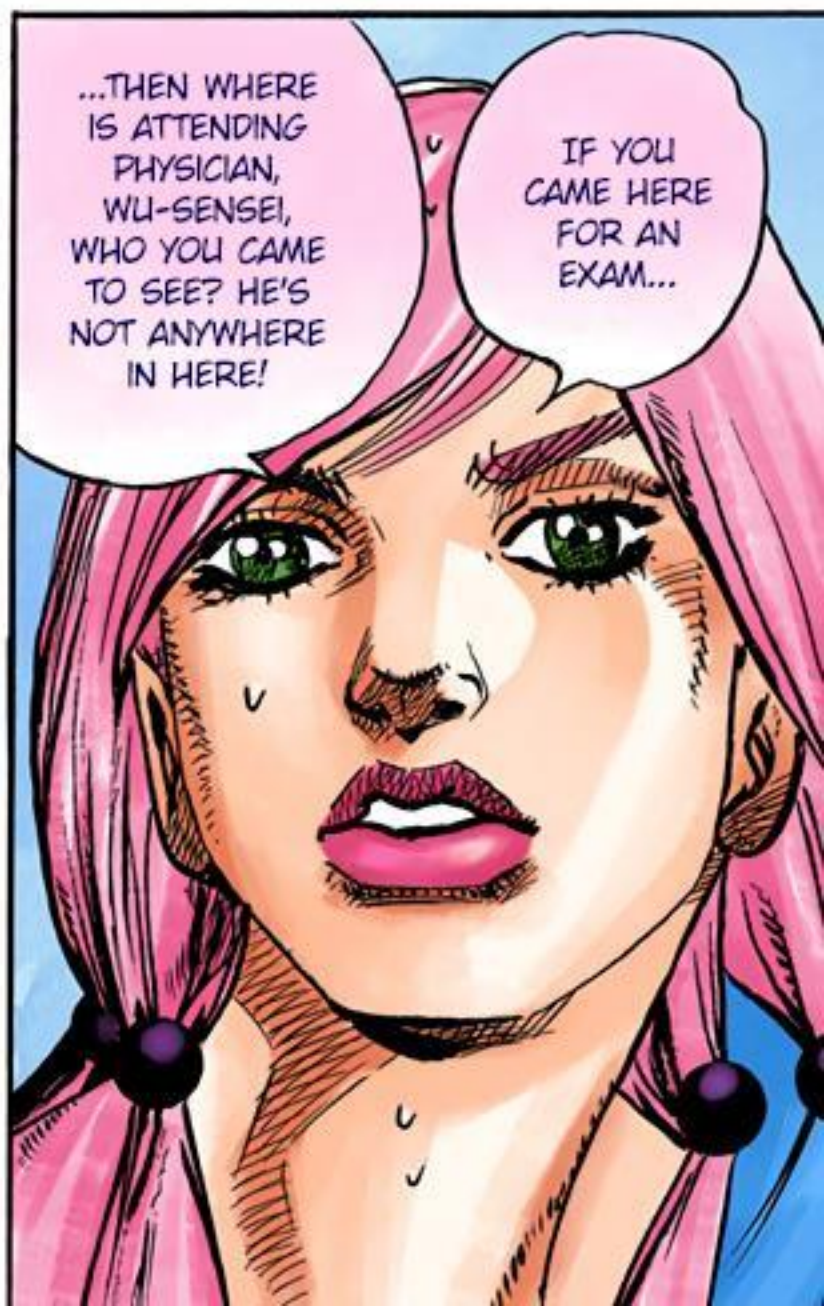
YOU KNOW...

THERE ARE NO OTHER DOORS OR WINDOWS THE DOCTOR COULD HAVE GONE OUT THOROUGH.



OH...?

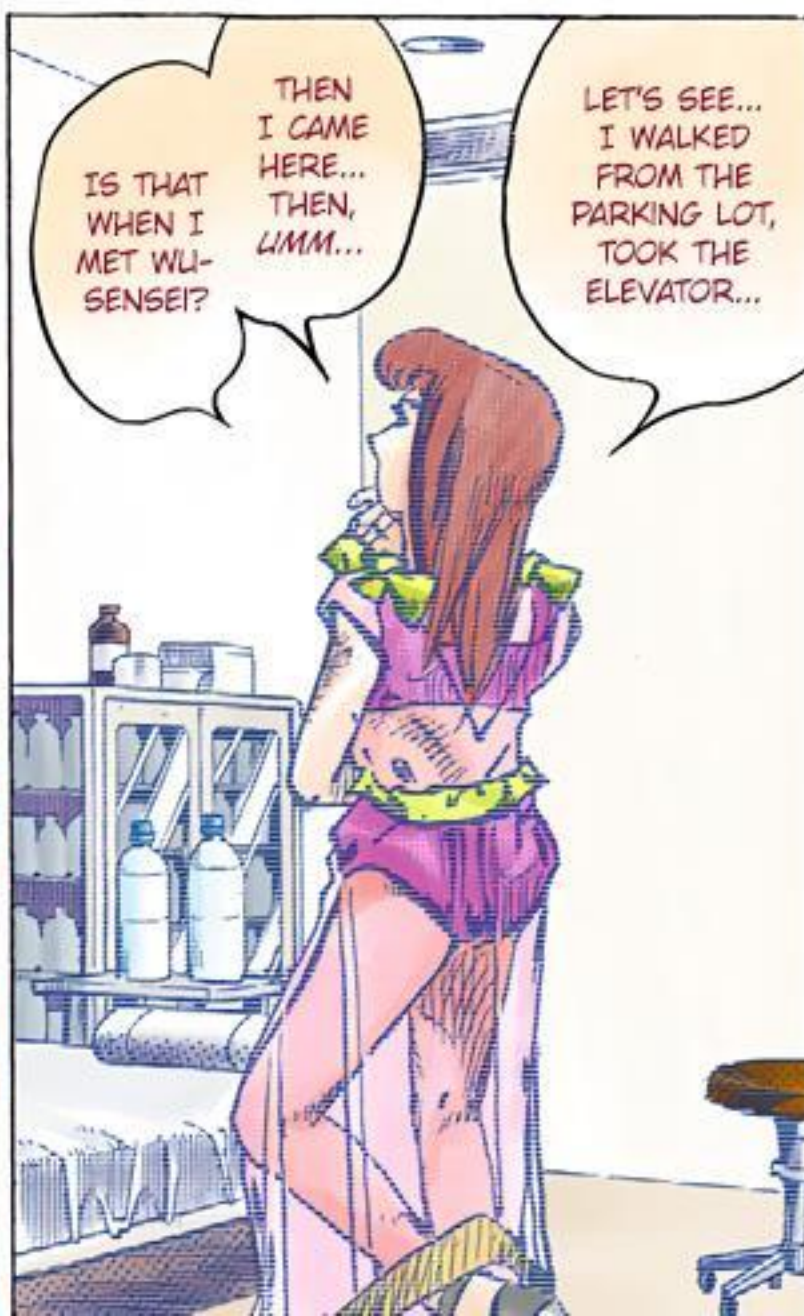
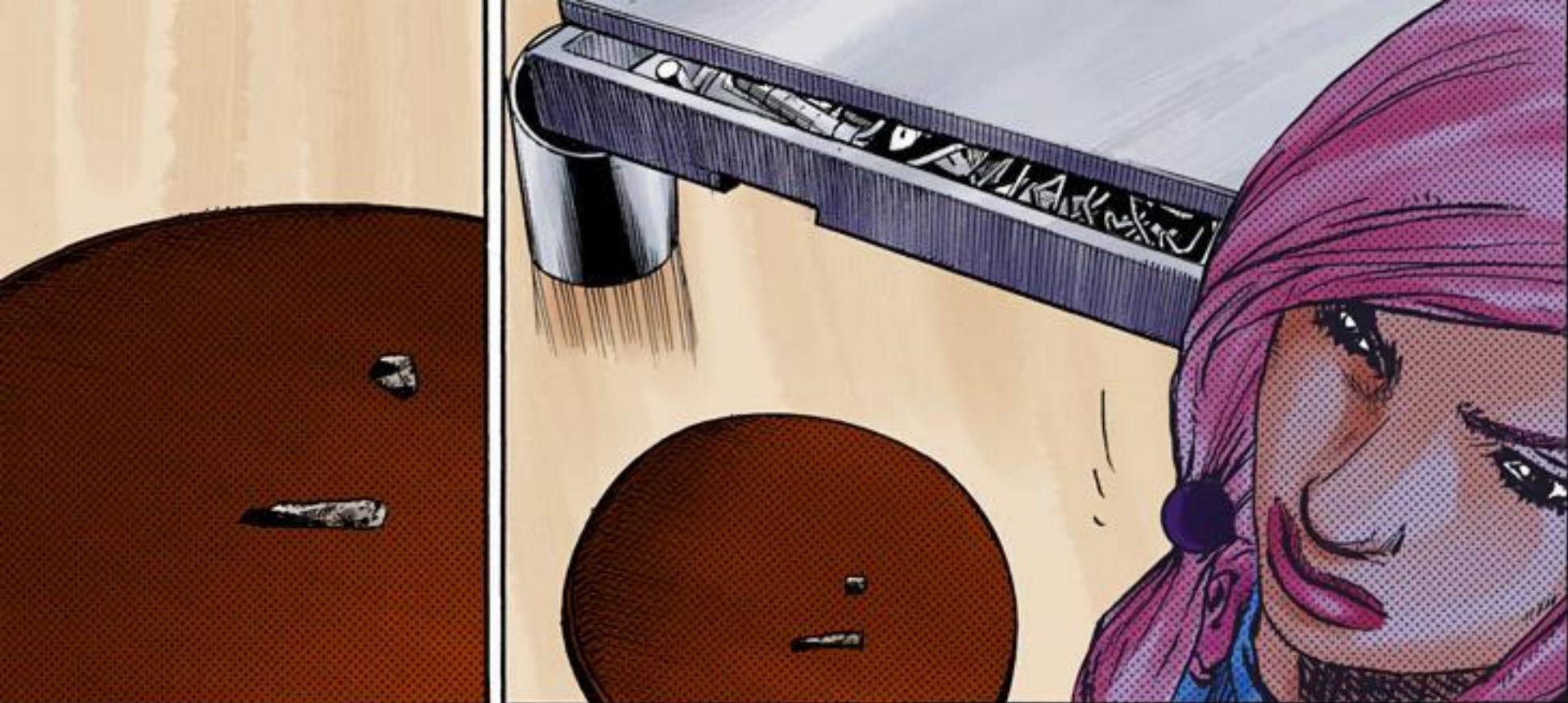
HM?



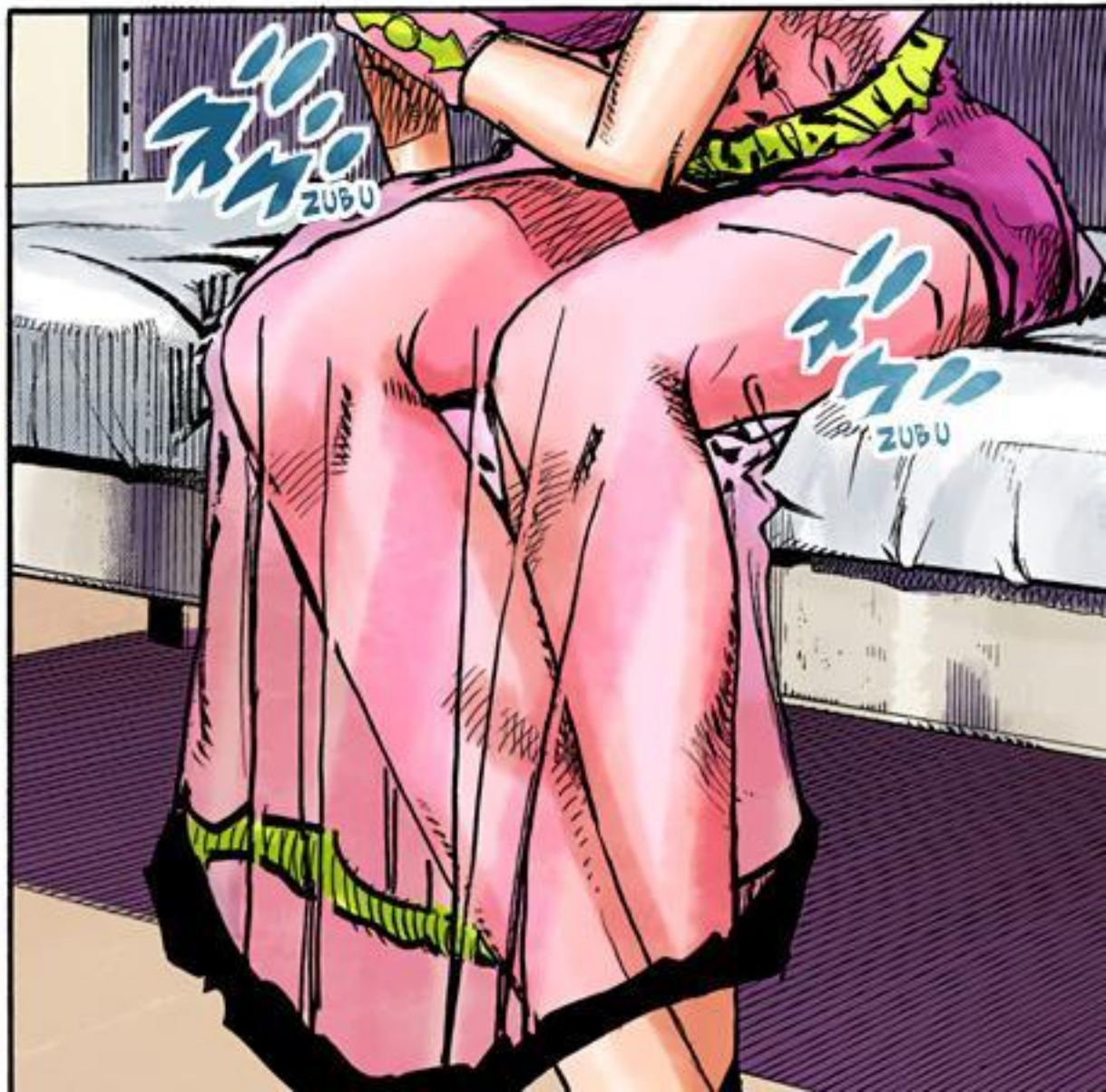
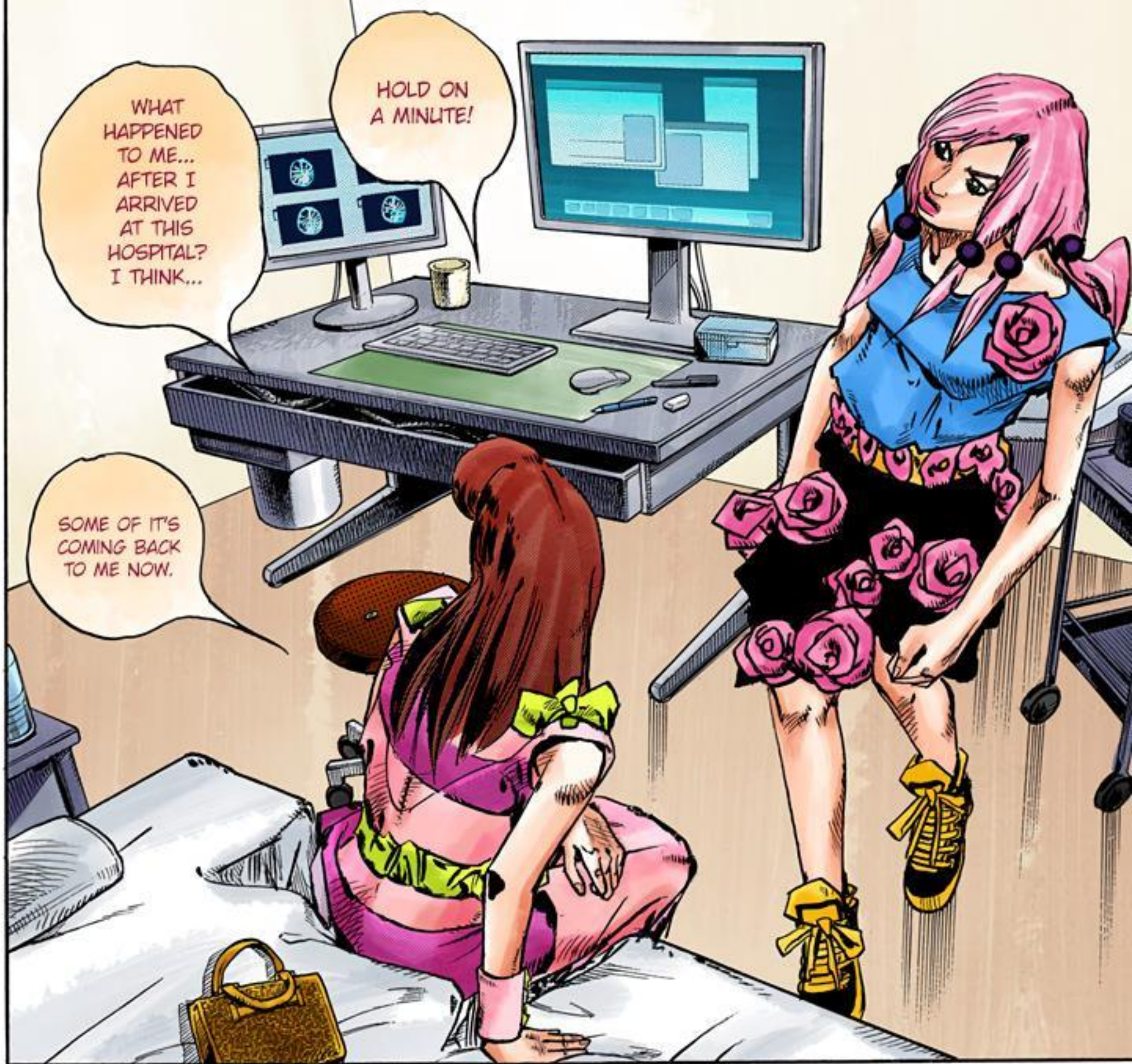
...THEN WHERE IS ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, WU-SENSEI, WHO YOU CAME TO SEE? HE'S NOT ANYWHERE IN HERE!

IF YOU CAME HERE FOR AN EXAM...

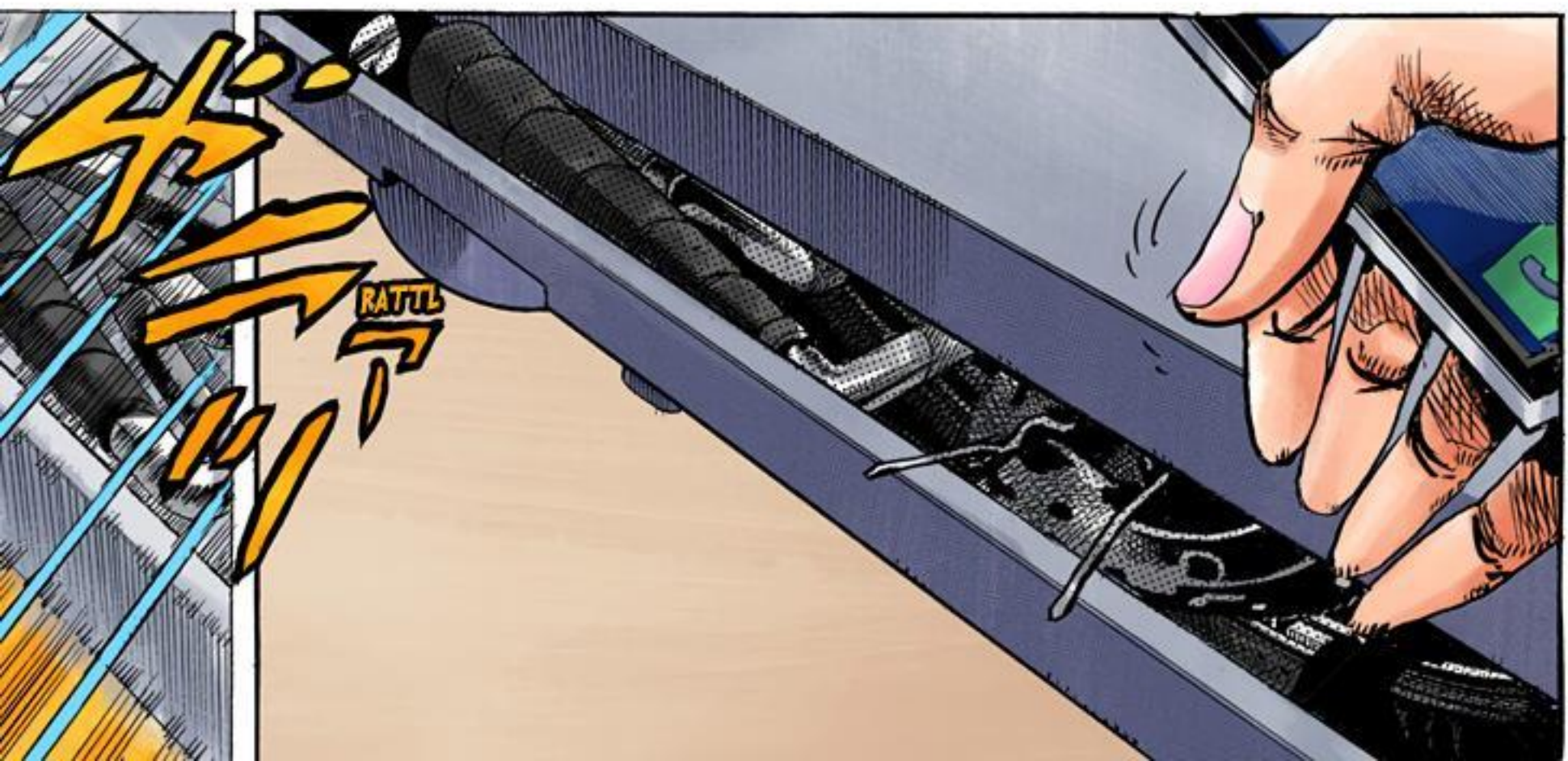
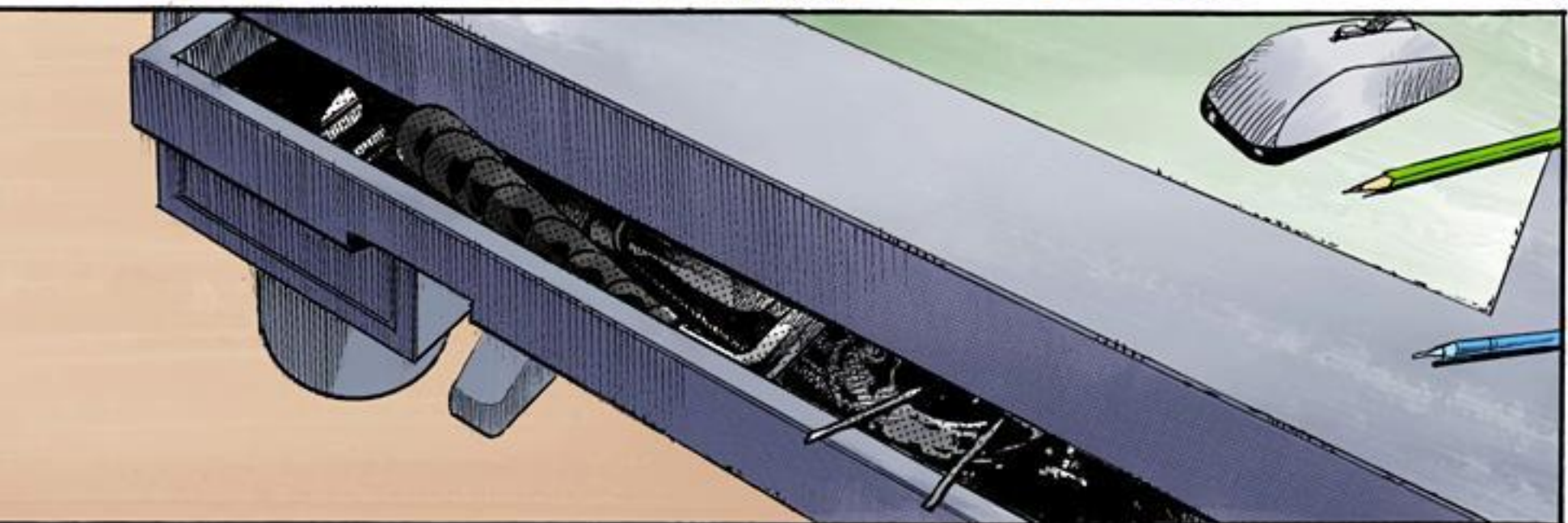
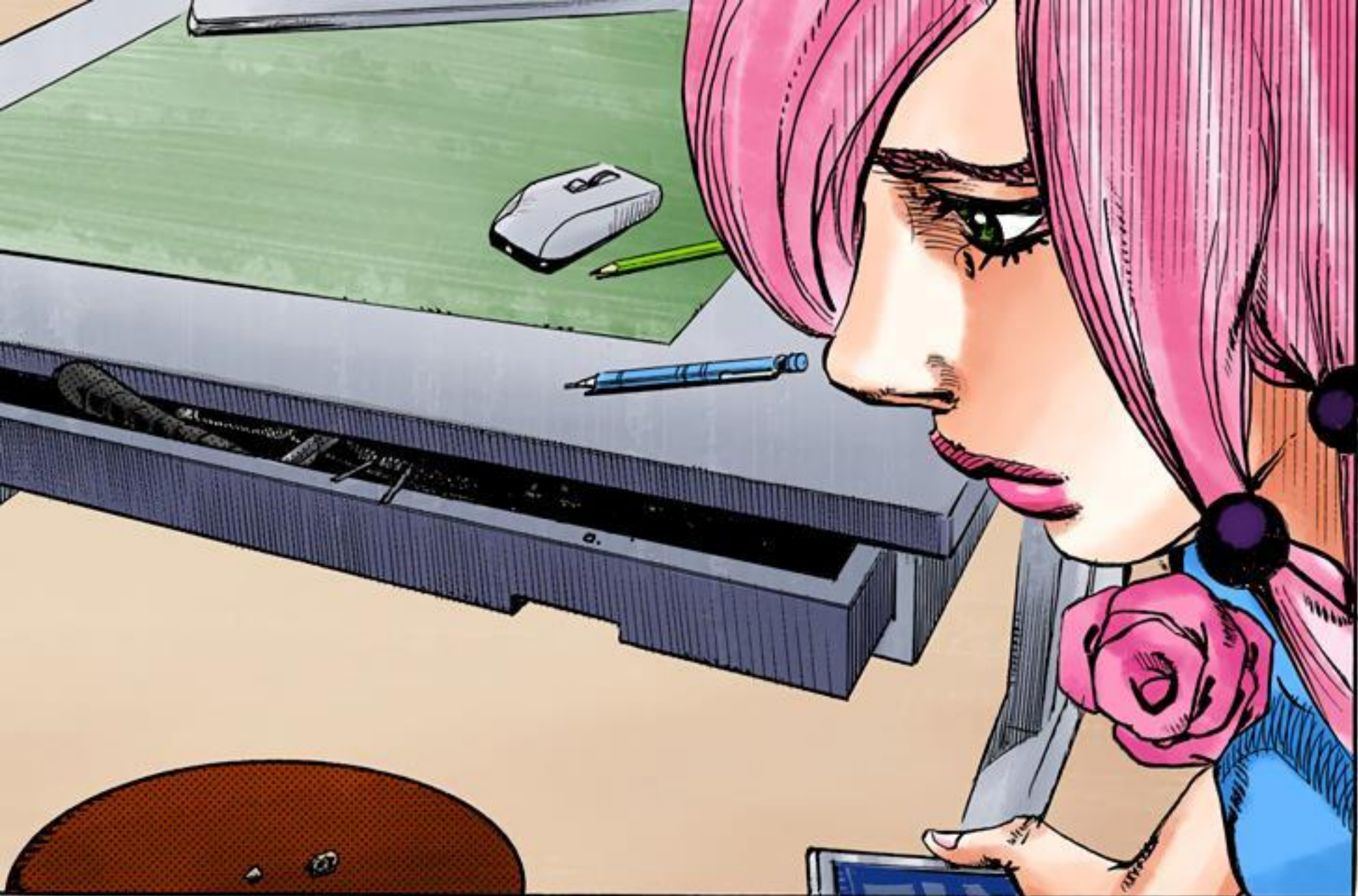






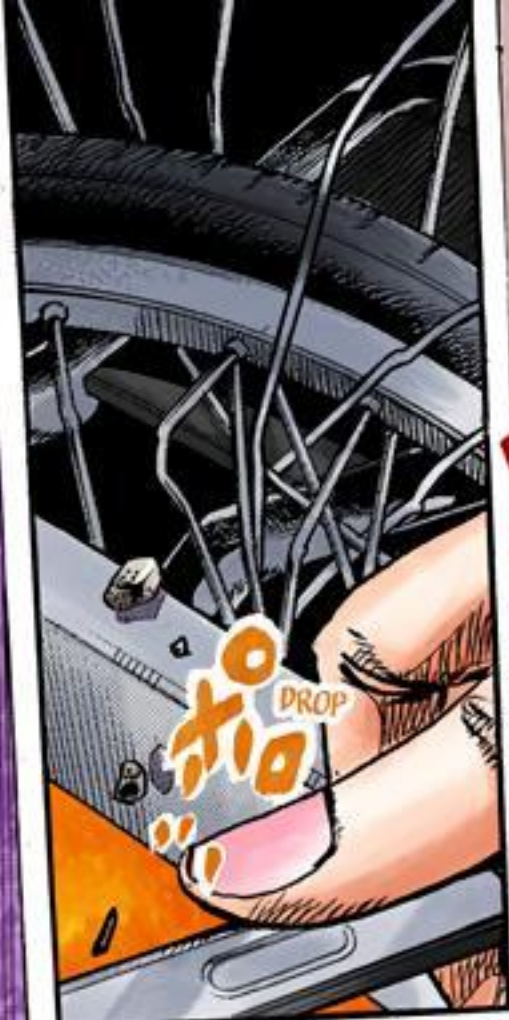




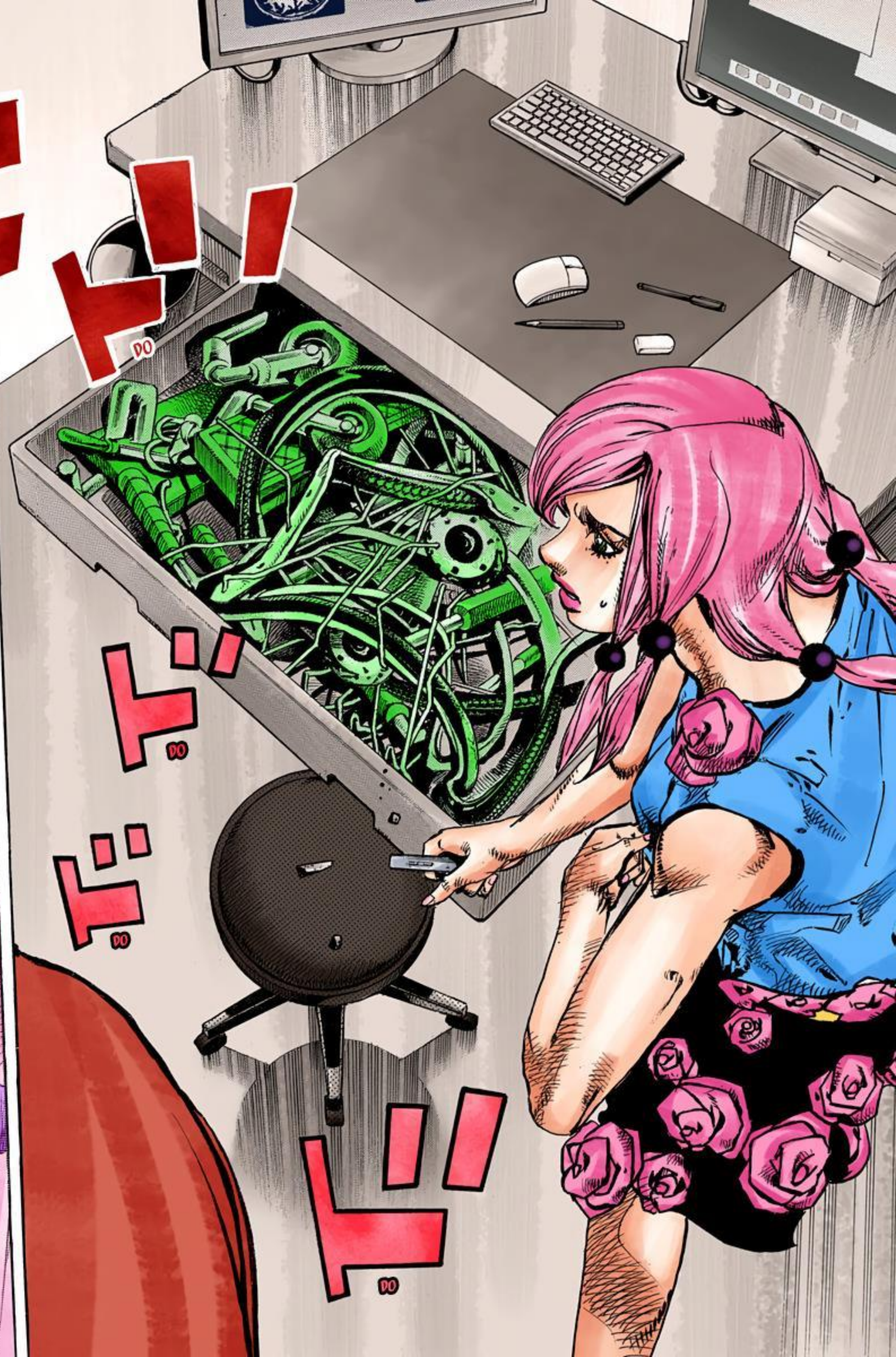
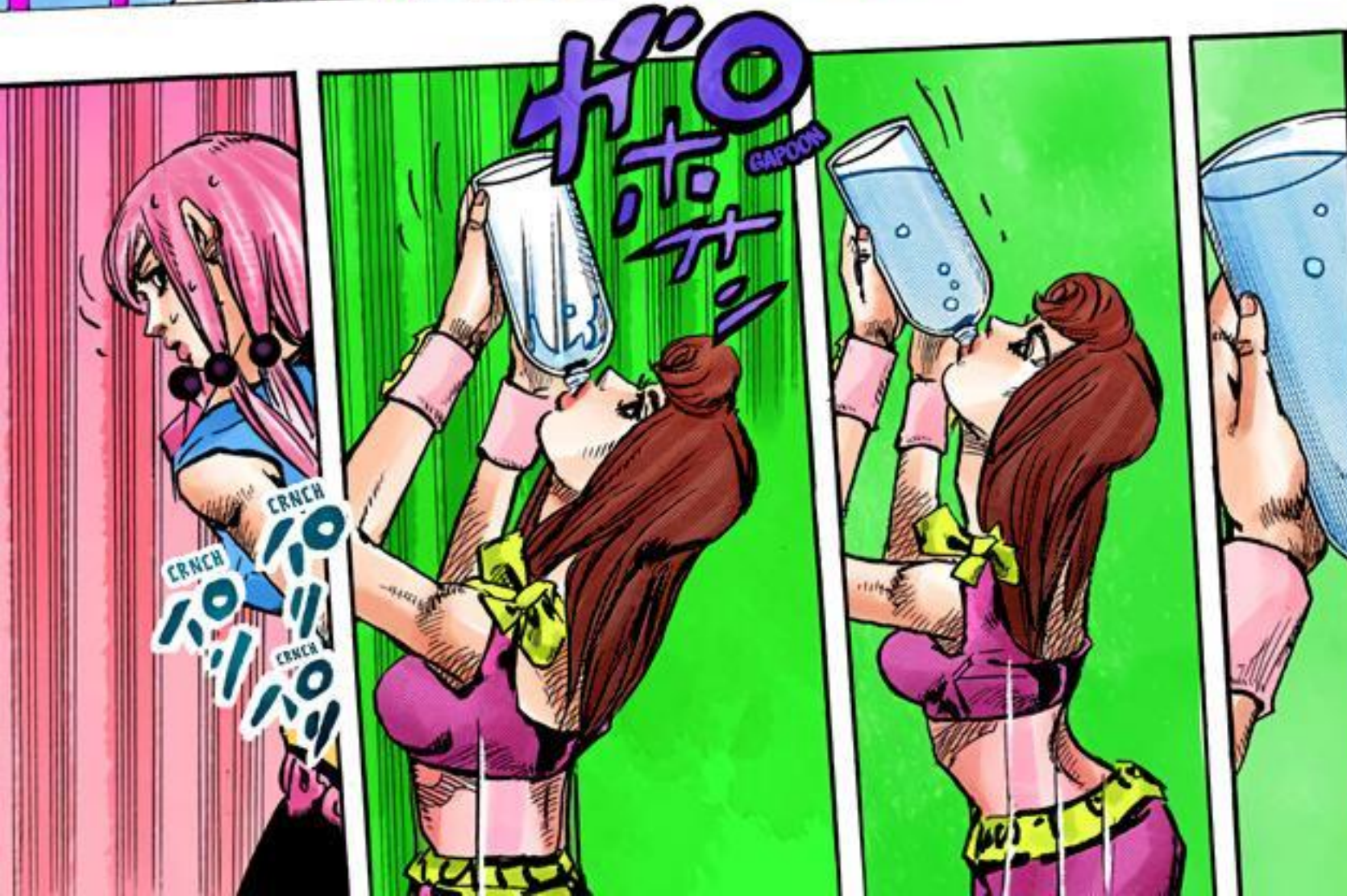




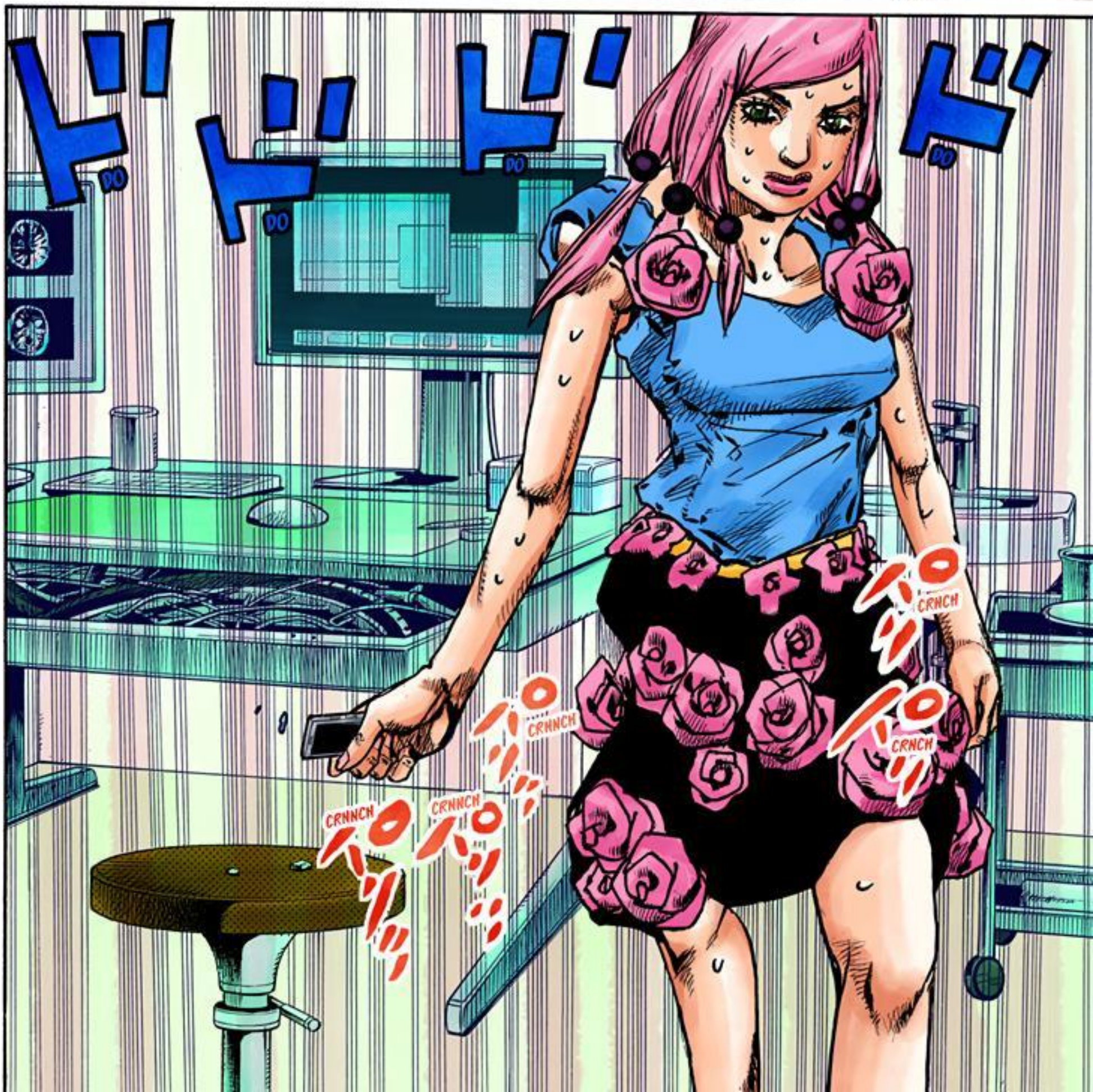
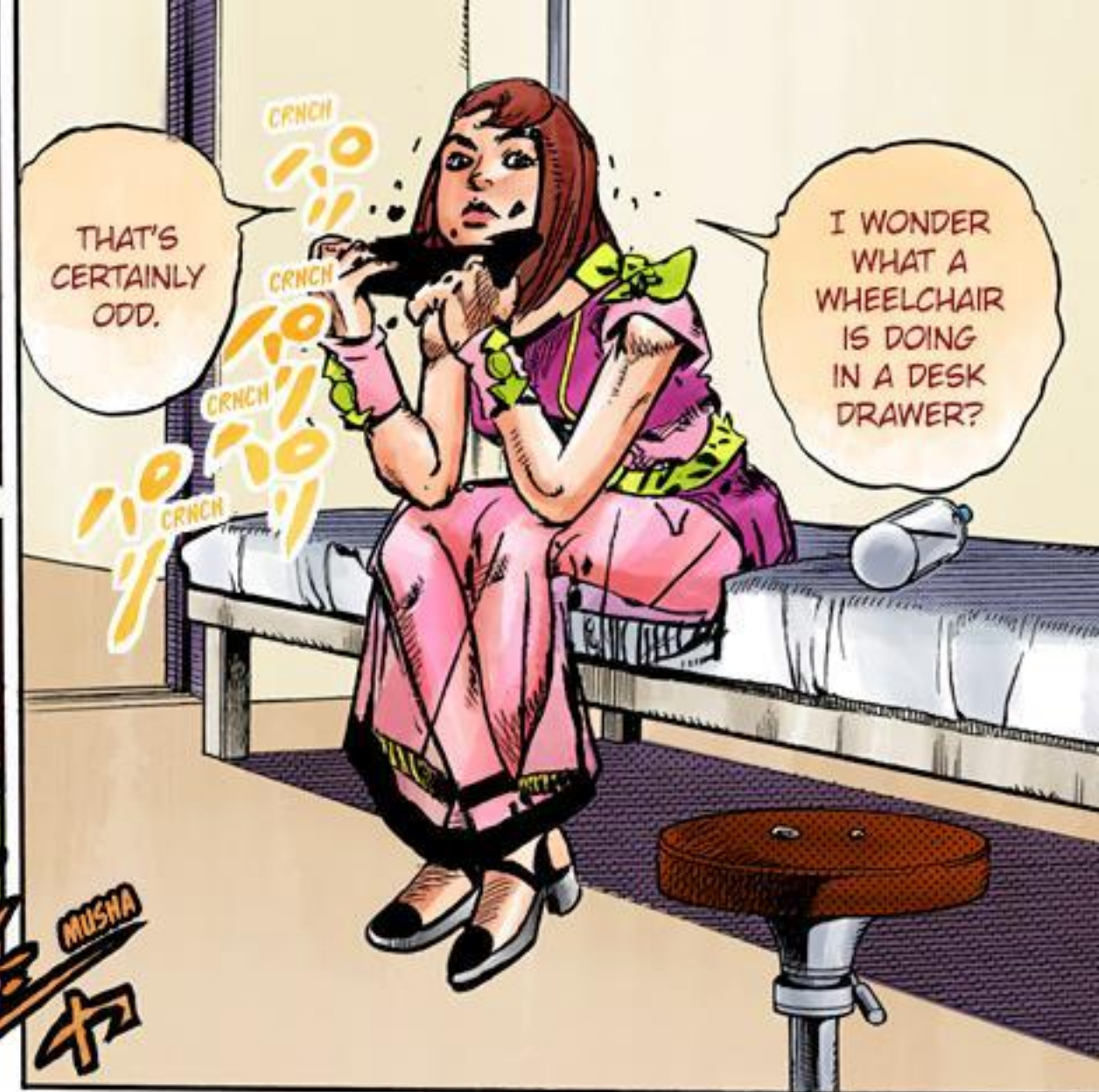
IT'S... IT'S  
TOTALLY  
FLAT...! WH-  
'WHAT'  
HAPPENED TO  
THIS WHEEL-  
CHAIR?!



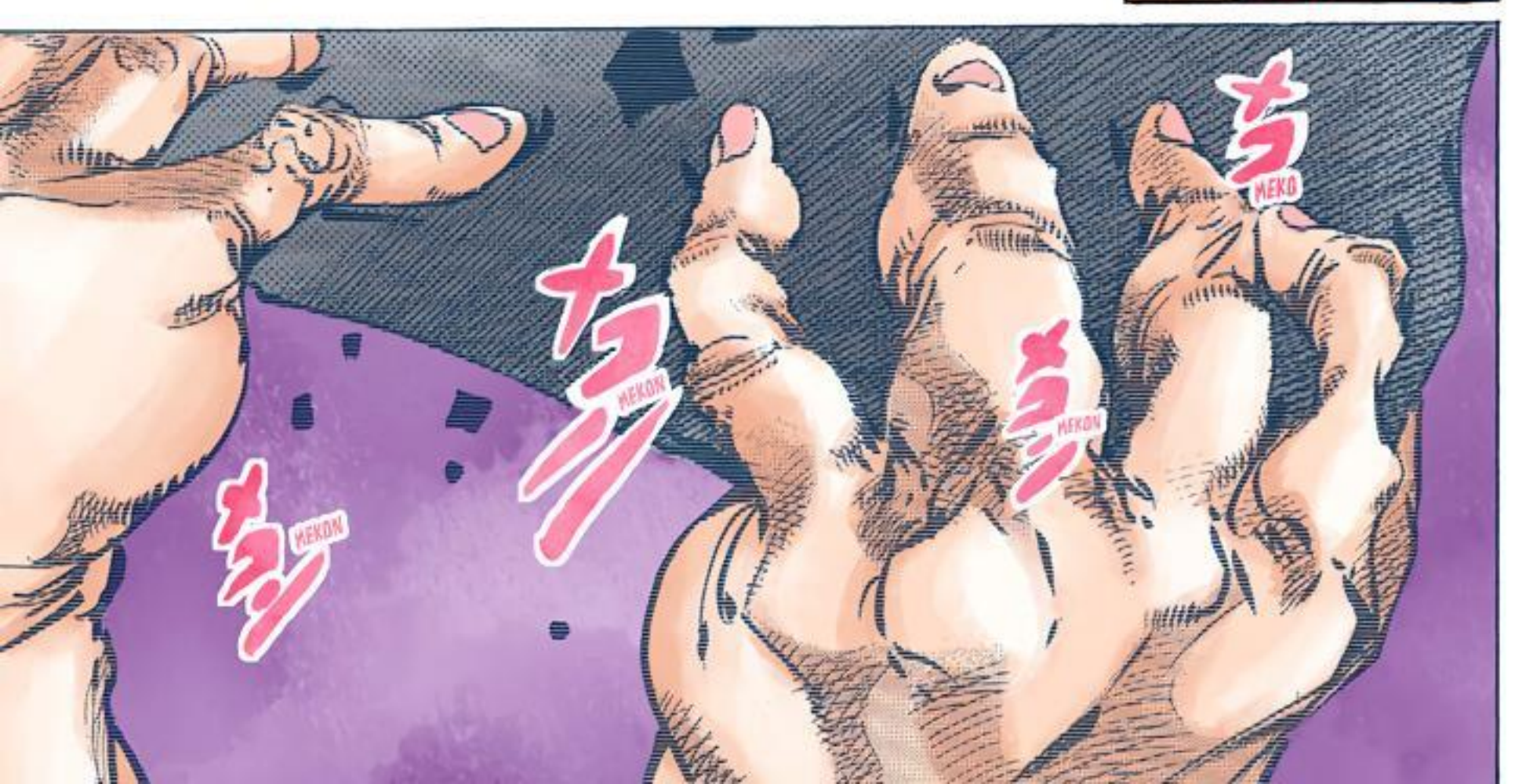
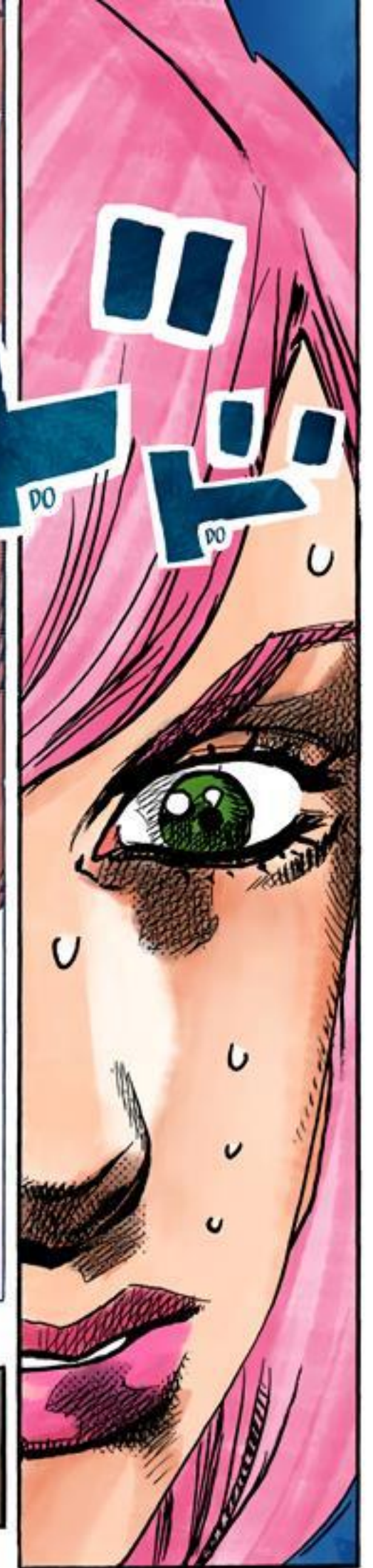
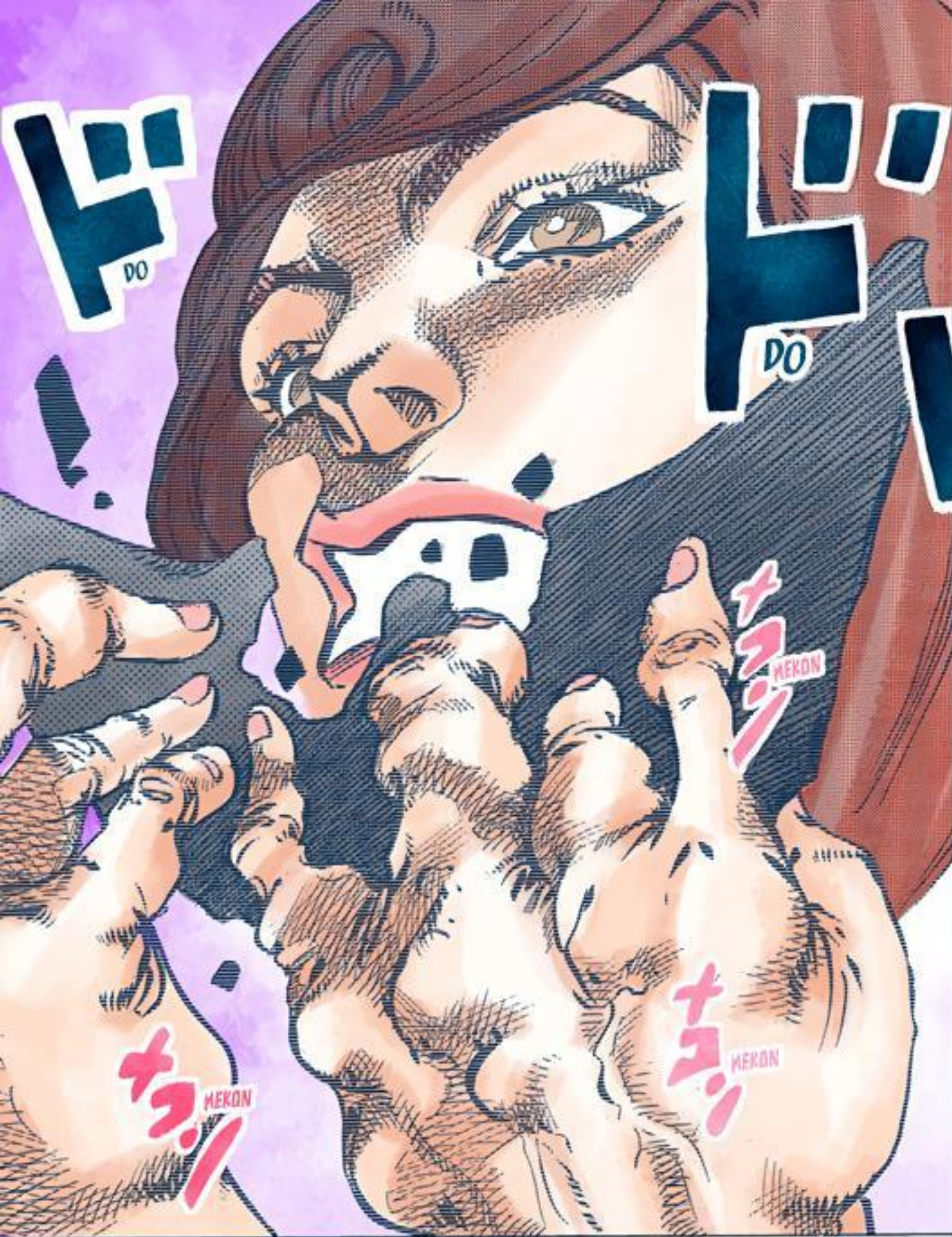
M-  
MITSUBA-  
SAN!!











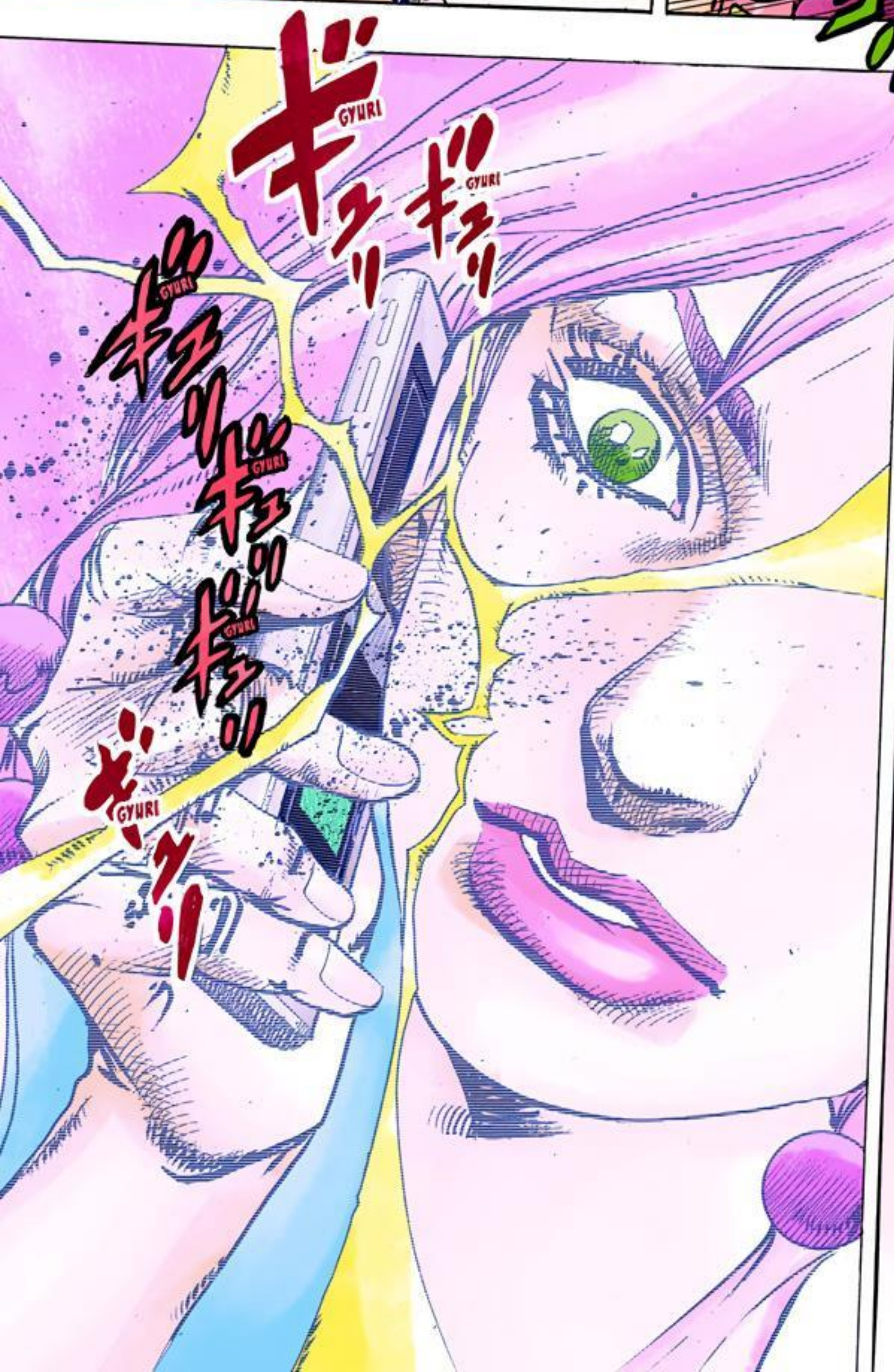




HELLO,  
YASUHO-CHAN?



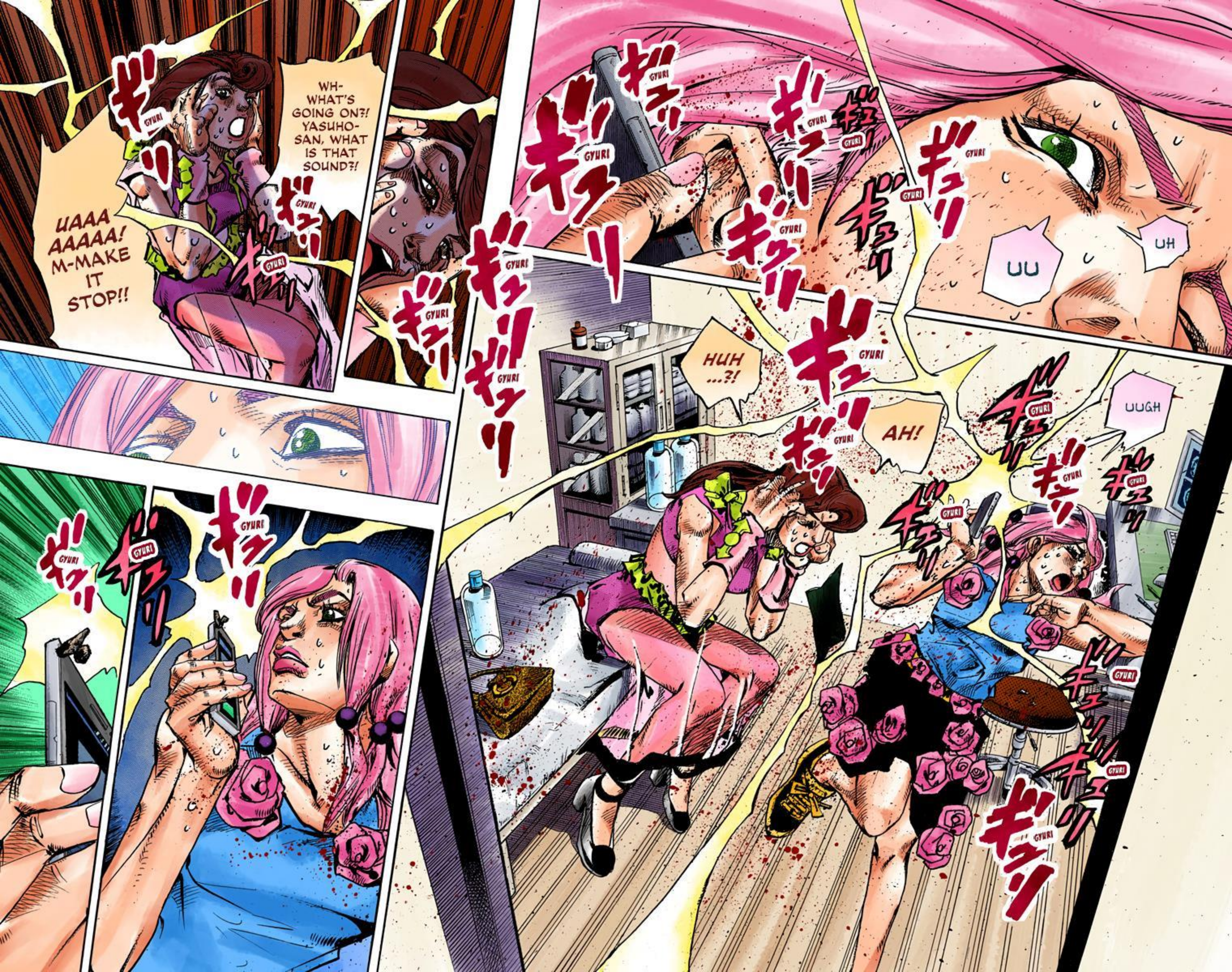
ダッ  
DAAH  
ダッ



JOSUKE-  
EEEEEE!









WHAT?! THE  
'FRAGMENTS'  
ARE... RUBBING  
TOGETHER?!

GYURI

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THE ONES  
THAT FELL...  
ONTO THE  
STOOL?

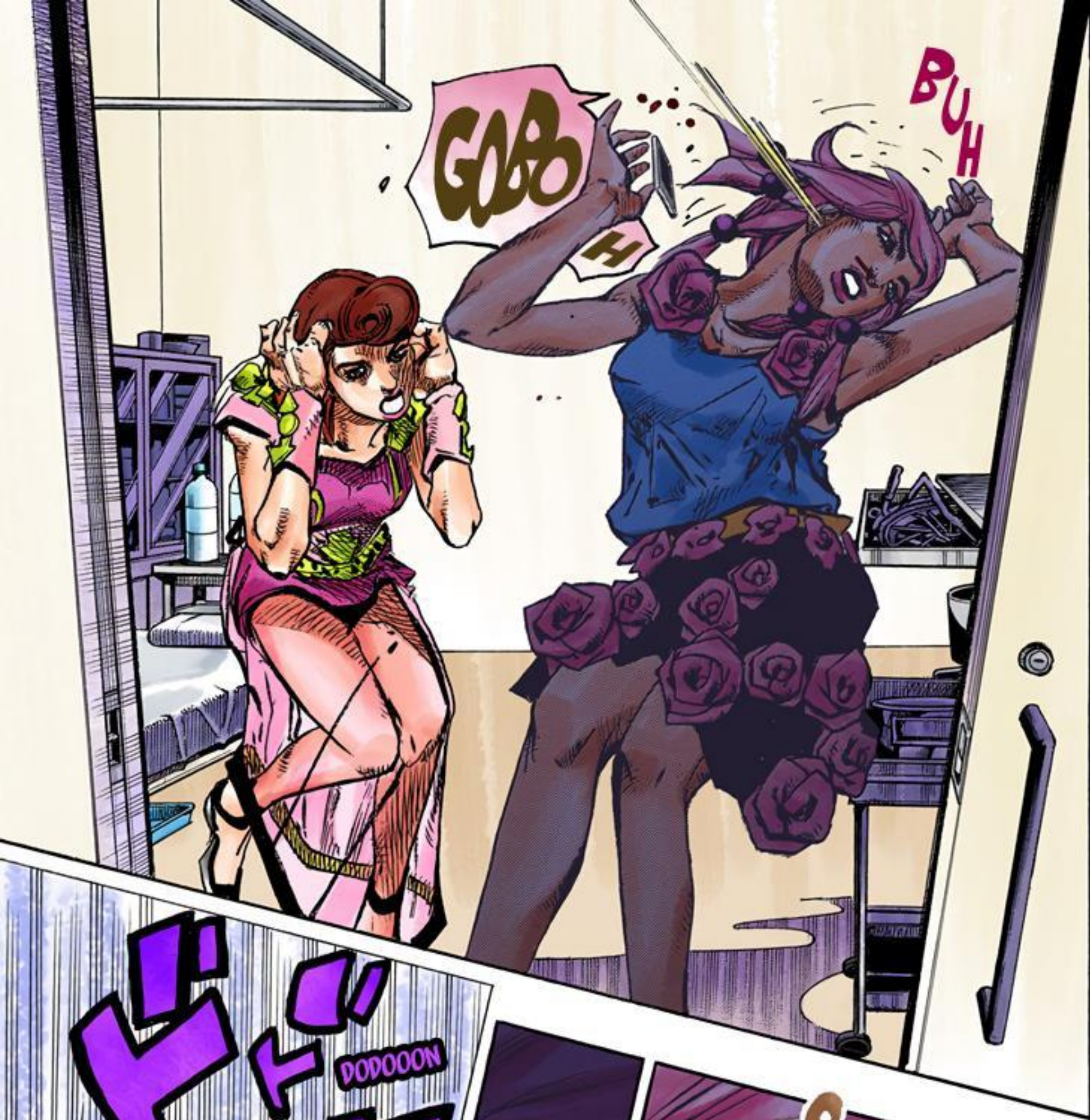
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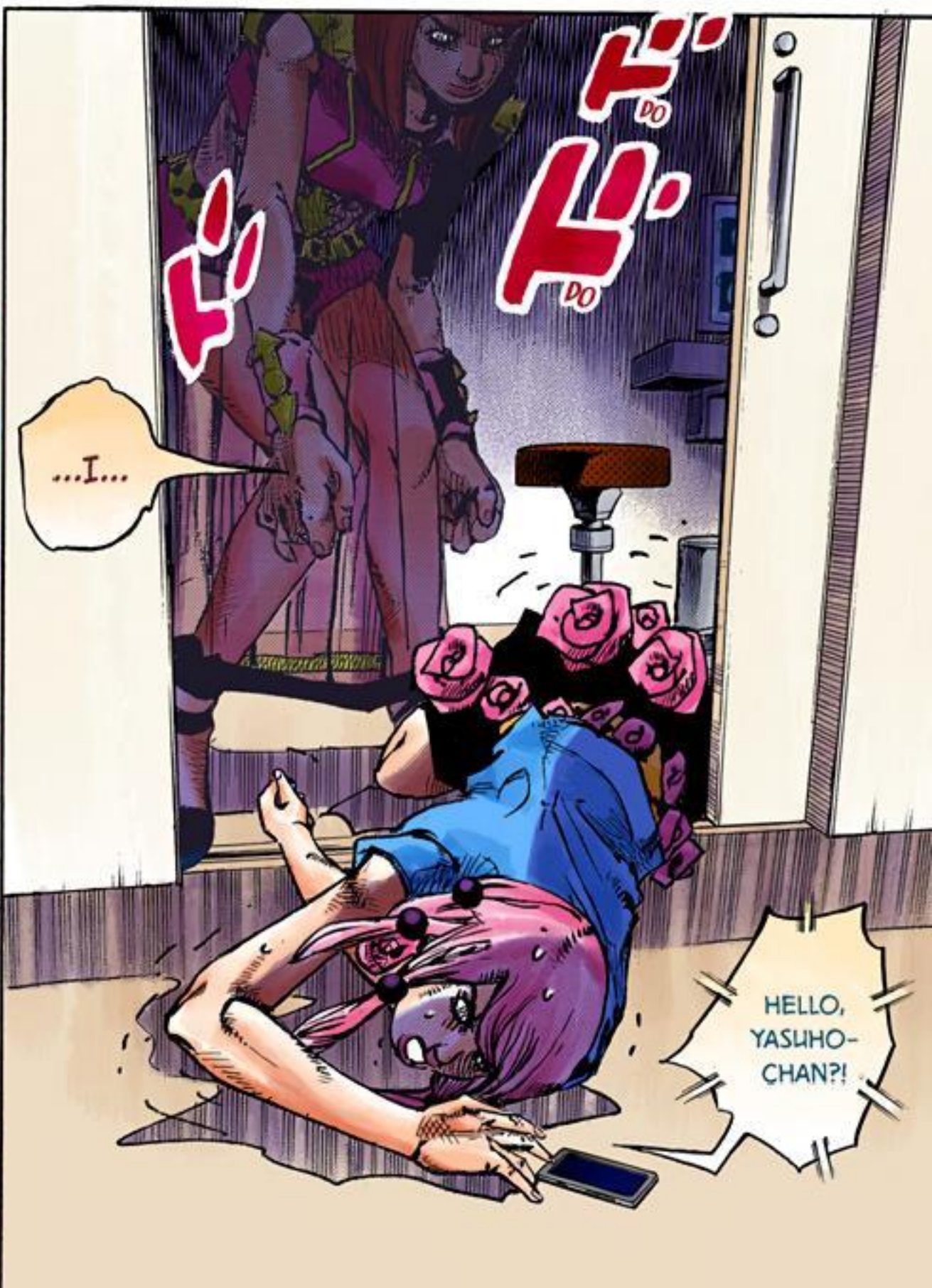
GYURI

WHAT'S  
HAPPENING,  
YASUHO-  
CHAN?!













IF YOU  
DO FIND  
SOMETHING,  
IT WON'T  
BE 'GOOD  
FORTUNE'.



FAR  
GREATER IN  
NUMBER ARE  
ENEMIES, ARE  
EVIL.

YOU  
WILL NOT  
FIND GOOD  
FORTUNE.







**PRESENTED BY: DUCKS WITH HATS**

**TYPESETTING: MINEDOR, B1ACKZERO**

**CLEANING: MINEDOR**

**TRANSLATION: HI WA MATA NOBORU**

**LOGO: THATDUDE**

**QUALITY CONTROL: HAMUEL, B1ACKZERO**

**SUICUNE41**